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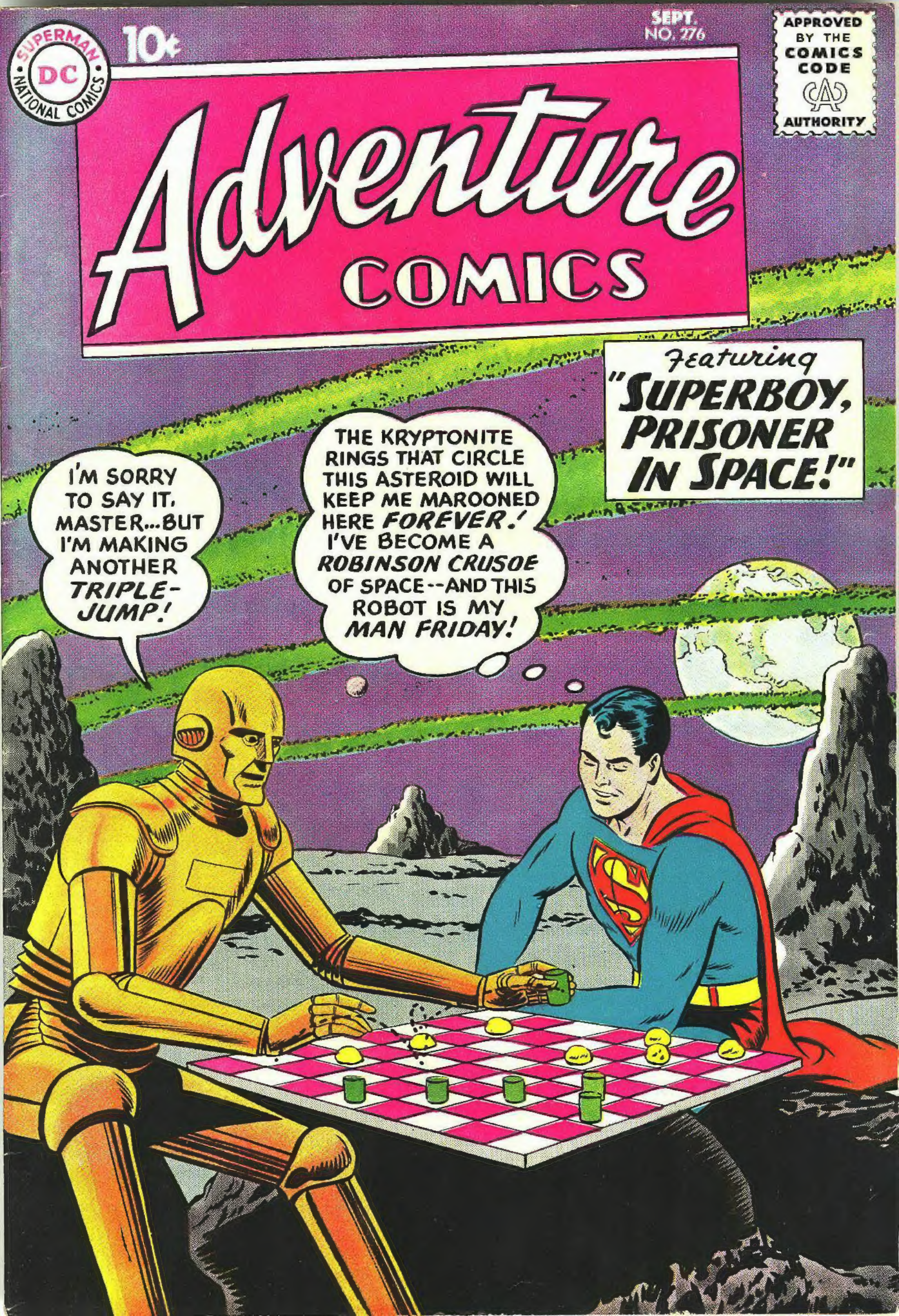
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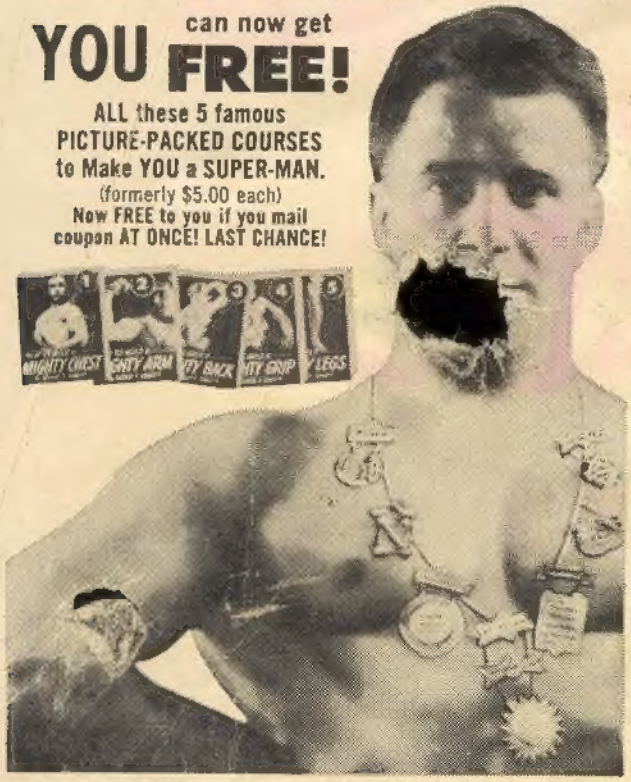

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like my pupils here did and THOUSANDS do now."

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FREE $80 worth of Sports, Self-defense, Strong-man Stunts Courses Apparatus. Let me know how to get these FREE!

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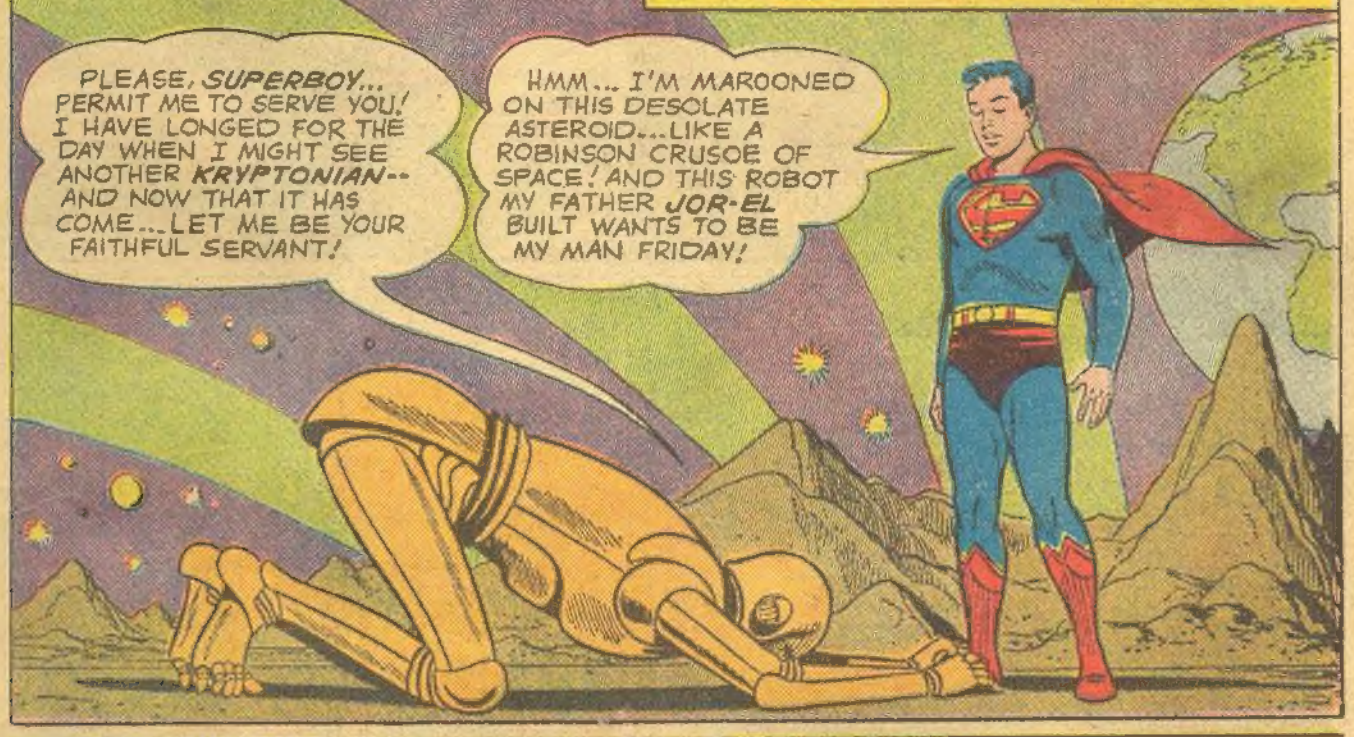
SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

FAR OFF IN SPACE ONE DAY, WHEN FATE FORCES **SUPERBOY** TO BE MAROONED ON A LONELY ASTEROID, HE HAS ONE SOLE COMPANION--A MECHANICAL MAN! YET THIS METALLIC MAN FRIDAY, WHO POSSESSES NO HEART AT ALL, PROVES TO BE ONE OF THE BEST PALS THE BOY OF **STEEL** EVER HAD! YES, TOUCHING INDEED IS THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEM, AND TRAGIC IS THE FINAL OUTCOME WHEN SUPERBOY BECOMES...

The ROBINSON CRUSOE of SPACE!



OUTSIDE OF SMALLVILLE ONE DAY, WHERE **SUPERBOY** HAS SECRETLY GATHERED HIS SUPER-ROBOTS, WHO TAKE TURNS REPLACING HIM WHENEVER NECESSARY...

THE **BOY OF STEEL** LEADS HIS ROBOTS INTO SPACE!

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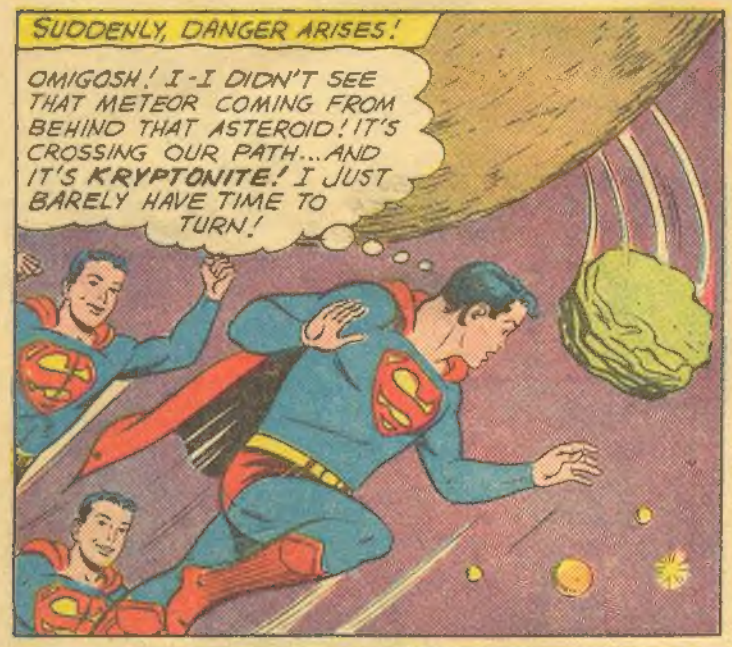
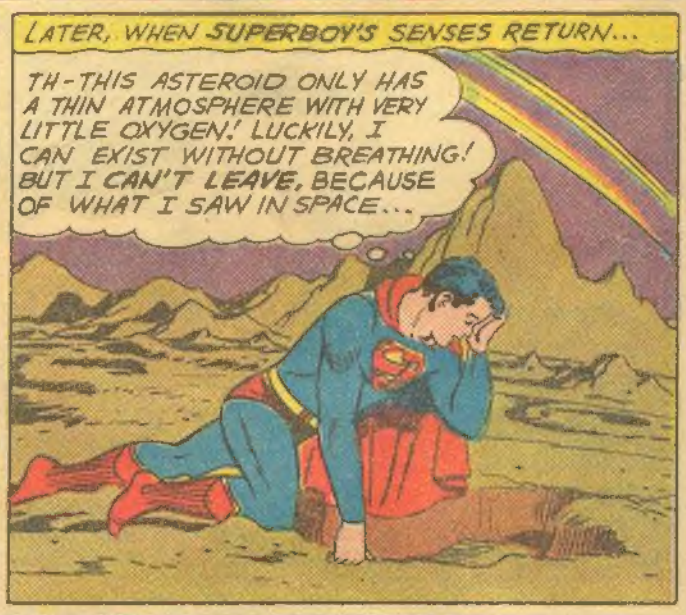

SUDDENLY, DANGER ARISES!
OMIGOSH! I-I DIDN'T SEE THAT METEOR COMING FROM BEHIND THAT ASTEROID! IT'S CROSSING OUR PATH...AND IT'S KRYPTONITE! I JUST BARELY HAVE TIME TO TURN!

BUT SUPERBOY IS UNABLE TO SHOUT A WARNING IN AIRLESS SPACE TO HIS ROBOTS, AND...
MY ROBOTS! THE METEOR SMASHED THEIR METAL BODIES TO BITS! THE IMPACT IS ALSO SMASHING THE METEOR INTO DUST!
CRASH!

AND AS THE KRYPTONITE DUST'S RADIATIONS STRIKE SUPERBOY...
I-I'M TOO WEAK TO FLY AWAY!... I'M FALLING DOWN TO THE ASTEROID!... AND I'M GASP!... BLACKING OUT...

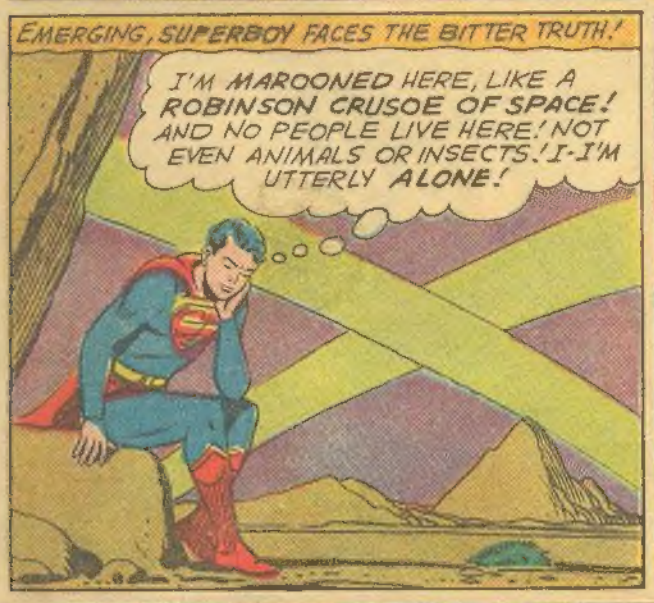

LATER, WHEN SUPERBOY'S SENSES RETURN...
TH-THIS ASTEROID ONLY HAS A THIN ATMOSPHERE WITH VERY LITTLE OXYGEN! LUCKILY, I CAN EXIST WITHOUT BREATHING! BUT I CAN'T LEAVE, BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAW IN SPACE...

...THE KRYPTONITE DUST FORMED MANY RINGS AROUND THE ASTEROID! I HAVE NO CHANCE TO FLY BETWEEN THEM, EVEN AT SUPER-SPEED, AND AVOID THE RAYS! KRYPTONITE RAYS ARE THE ONE THING THAT CAN DESTROY ME!

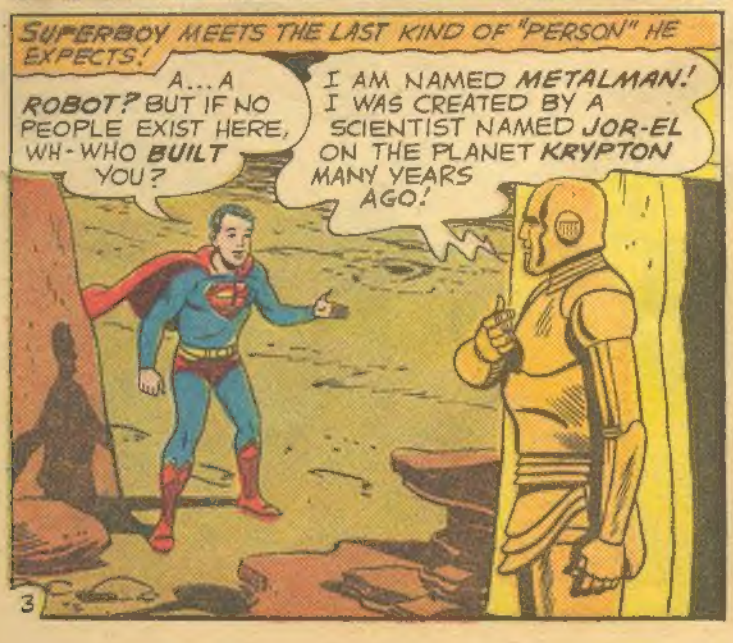
I'LL USE MY SUPER-BREATH... NO, WAIT! THAT ONLY SCATTERS THE DUST MORE WIDELY BETWEEN THE RINGS, MAKING IT WORSE!

AND WHEN SUPERBOY DESPERATELY TRIES THE HEAT OF HIS X-RAY VISION...
YIPES! IT ONLY FUSES THE DUST INTO MOLTEN DROPS OF KRYPTONITE RAIN! THAT'S WORSE YET! THE MOST SENSIBLE THING IS TO FIND LEAD, THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN SHIELD ME FROM KRYPTONITE RAYS!

BUT AFTER SEARCHING EVERYWHERE UNDERGROUND, GUIDED BY HIS X-RAY VISION...
HOLY COW! NOT ONE SPECK OF LEAD ORE EXISTS WITHIN THIS ASTEROID! I-I CAN'T MAKE A LEADEN SUIT AND ESCAPE THROUGH THE KRYPTONITE RINGS!


EMERGING, SUPERBOY FACES THE BITTER TRUTH!
I'M MAROONED HERE, LIKE A ROBINSON CRUSOE OF SPACE! AND NO PEOPLE LIVE HERE! NOT EVEN ANIMALS OR INSECTS! I-I'M UTTERLY ALONE!

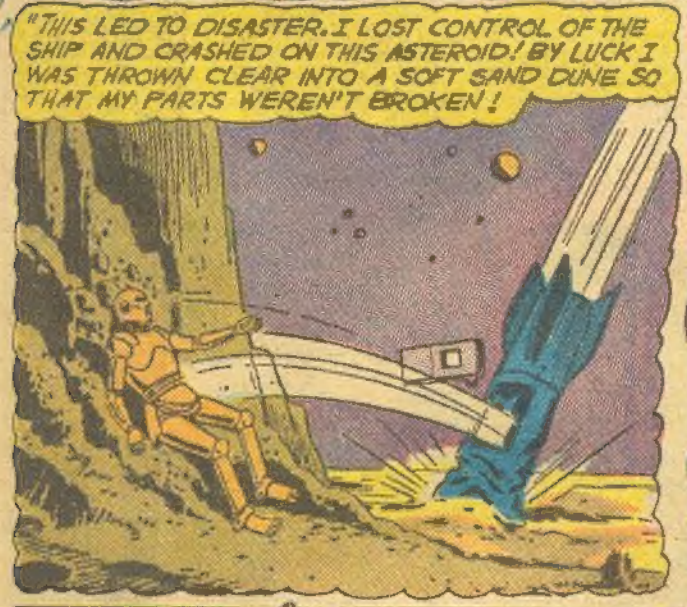
LATER, AN AMAZING FIND TURNS UP!
FOOTPRINTS! D-DOES SOMEBODY LIVE HERE AFTER ALL? I'LL FOLLOW THE TRAIL! EVEN ONE PERSON'S COMPANIONSHIP WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY!


SUPERBOY MEETS THE LAST KIND OF "PERSON" HE EXPECTS!
A...A ROBOT? BUT IF NO PEOPLE EXIST HERE, WH-WHO BUILT YOU?
I AM NAMED METALMAN! I WAS CREATED BY A SCIENTIST NAMED JOR-EL ON THE PLANET KRYPTON MANY YEARS AGO!

WHY...UH... KRYPTON WAS MY NATIVE WORLD BEFORE IT BLEW UP! AND JOR-EL WAS MY FATHER!
THEN YOU WERE KAL-EL, THE BABY BOY I SAW! YOUR FATHER BUILT ME RIGHT AFTER YOU WERE BORN, FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE...

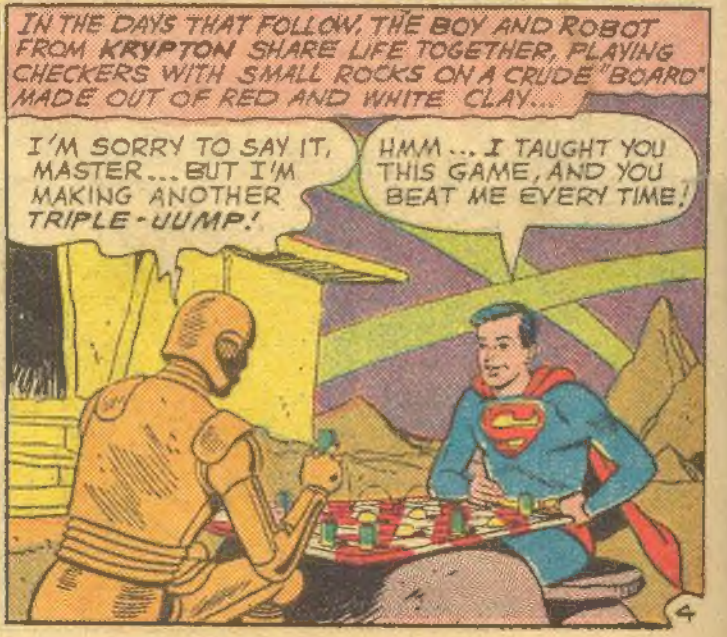
"...JOR-EL ALREADY KNEW OF KRYPTON'S COMING DOOM, AND IN HIS LABORATORY ONE DAY..."
JOR-EL! CAN YOU REALLY SEND OUR CHILD TO ANOTHER WORLD BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODES?
I...UH...HOPE SO, LARA! MY FIRST EXPERIMENTAL SPACE ROCKET IS READY FOR TRIAL! AND THIS ROBOT I MADE WILL BE THE TEST PILOT!

"DURING THE TEST FLIGHTS, I REPORTED BACK TO JOR-EL WITH MY BUILT-IN CHEST RADIO..."
METALMAN CALLING JOR-EL! ROCKET ENGINE VIBRATES TOO MUCH!
HMM... I'LL CORRECT THAT WHEN I BUILD A ROCKET FOR MY SON! NOW TRY A LONG-RANGE FLIGHT, METALMAN!


"THIS LED TO DISASTER. I LOST CONTROL OF THE SHIP AND CRASHED ON THIS ASTEROID! BY LUCK I WAS THROWN CLEAR INTO A SOFT SAND DUNE SO THAT MY PARTS WEREN'T BROKEN!

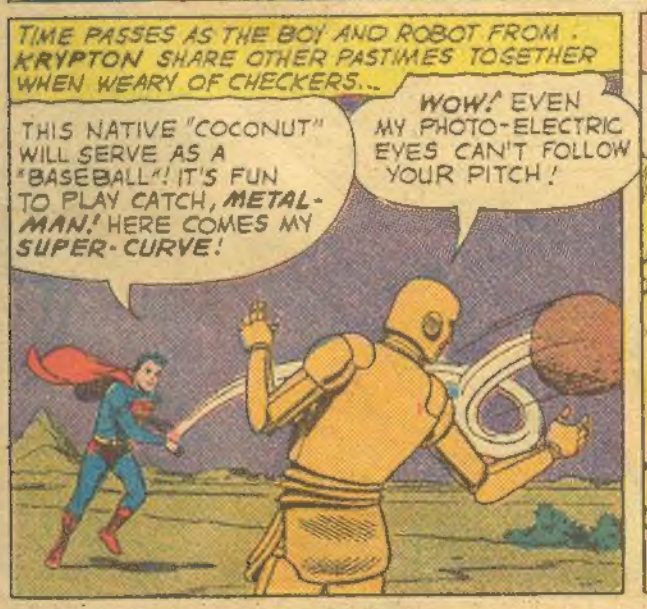
"LATER, AFTER I EXPLORED THE ASTEROID..."
THE ROCKET IS BEYOND REPAIR! I'M MAROONED ON A LIFELESS WORLD! AS A ROBOT, I'LL EXIST FOR AT LEAST 1,000 YEARS! I'LL BUILD A SHELTER OUT OF FLAT STONES!

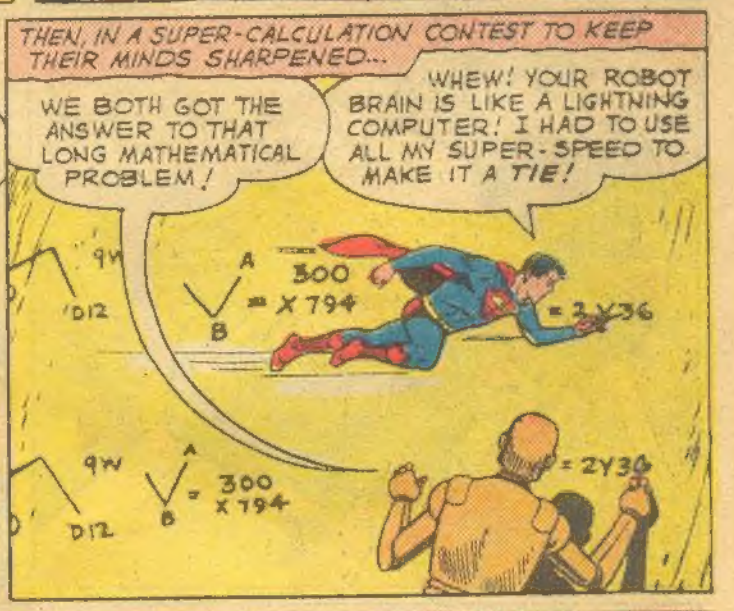
AS THE KRYPTON ROBOT'S TRAGIC STORY ENDS...
TO PASS THE TIME, I TUNED IN MESSAGES FROM MANY WORLDS WITH MY CHEST RADIO AND LEARNED THEIR LANGUAGES, INCLUDING EARTH'S! THUS I'M ABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU! AND I'M VERY GLAD TO HAVE YOUR COMPANIONSHIP!
ME TOO, METAL-MAN! NOW NEITHER OF US WILL BE LONELY! MY EARTHLY NAME IS SUPERBOY! SHAKE!


IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE BOY AND ROBOT FROM KRYPTON SHARE LIFE TOGETHER, PLAYING CHECKERS WITH SMALL ROCKS ON A CRUDE "BOARD" MADE OUT OF RED AND WHITE CLAY...
I'M SORRY TO SAY IT, MASTER... BUT I'M MAKING ANOTHER TRIPLE-JUMP!
HMM... I TAUGHT YOU THIS GAME, AND YOU BEAT ME EVERY TIME!

LATER, SUPERBOY ADJUSTS METALMAN'S CHEST RADIO, AND...
I FOUND A WAY TO BEAM A MESSAGE ACROSS SPACE DIRECTLY INTO THE RADIO SET OF MY FOLKS IN SMALLVILLE! SUPERBOY CALLING DAD AND MOM KENT! I'M EXILED IN SPACE AND...

PRESENTLY, ON EARTH, AFTER SUPERBOY'S FOSTER PARENTS HEAR THE GRIM STORY COME THROUGH...
...I HAVE A THEORY THE KRYPTONITE RINGS WILL DISAPPEAR IN A FEW YEARS, SO UH... WELL, MOM AND DAD! IT MAY BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I SEE YOU AGAIN!
OH, JONATHAN! WHEN WILL WE SEE OUR BOY AGAIN?... ;SOB!


TIME PASSES AS THE BOY AND ROBOT FROM KRYPTON SHARE OTHER PASTIMES TOGETHER WHEN WEARY OF CHECKERS...
THIS NATIVE "COCONUT" WILL SERVE AS A "BASEBALL"! IT'S FUN TO PLAY CATCH, METAL-MAN! HERE COMES MY SUPER-CURVE!
WOW! EVEN MY PHOTO-ELECTRIC EYES CAN'T FOLLOW YOUR PITCH!

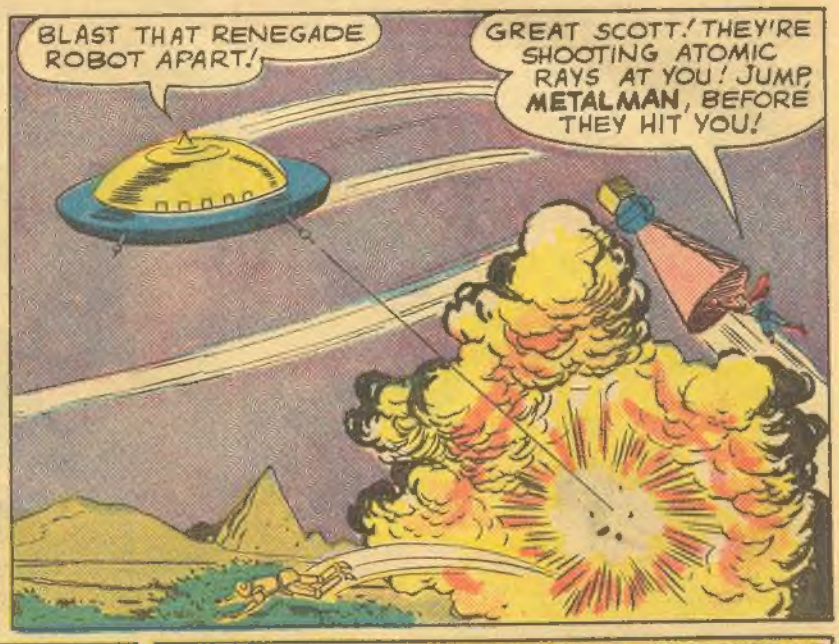

THEN, IN A SUPER-CALCULATION CONTEST TO KEEP THEIR MINDS SHARPENED...
WE BOTH GOT THE ANSWER TO THAT LONG MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM!
WHEW! YOUR ROBOT BRAIN IS LIKE A LIGHTNING COMPUTER! I HAD TO USE ALL MY SUPER-SPEED TO MAKE IT A TIE!

SUDDENLY...
LOOK, SUPERBOY, THERE'S A SPACESHIP CRUISING PAST THIS ASTEROID! THEY COULD PICK US UP AND TAKE US AWAY!
I'LL USE MY X-RAY VISION AND SEE WHO'S RUNNING THE SHIP!

WITHIN, THERE ARE ALIEN BEINGS WHO CONVERSE IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE!
SLOW DOWN AND WE'LL EXAMINE THAT ASTEROID, ZEEGAL! IF IT'S UNINHABITED WE'LL GO ON AND CONTINUE OUR CENSUS OF LIVING WORLDS!
THEIR SPACESHIP IS HOVERING ABOVE! SIGNAL THEM WITH YOUR CHEST RADIO, METALMAN! ANY RADIO CODE SHOULD MAKE THEM LAND AND INVESTIGATE!

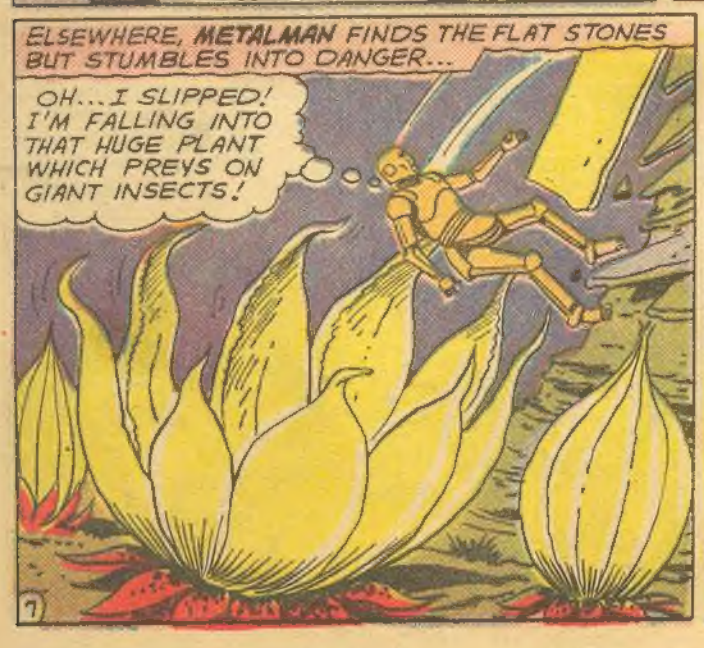
BUT THERE IS A BAD BREAK IN STORE FOR THE MAROONED PAIR!
MY SIGNALS ARE BEING DROWNED OUT BY TEMPORARY SPACE STATIC, SUPERBOY!
AND I CAN'T MAKE A SIGNAL FIRE...THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OXYGEN IN THE AIR HERE! HMM...I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA!
ZZZ... SPUT... KRAK...
SUPERBOY SPEEDS TO WHERE THEY PREVIOUSLY MADE THEIR CHECKER PIECES OUT OF COLORED CLAYS...
I'LL SHAPE THIS MOUND OF RED CLAY INTO A PYRAMID!
IN SWIFT SUCCESSION...
I FORMED A ROUND BALL OF BLUE CLAY ON TOP THE PYRAMID! NOW TO FINISH MY DESIGN WITH A CUBE OF YELLOW CLAY!
FINALLY, THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION DRIES AND HARDENS THE THREE-PART CLAY OBJECT! THAT'S MY "SIGNAL" TO THE ALIEN EXPLORERS!
BACK WHERE THE ROBOT IS USING HIS OWN SIGNAL...
I MADE A FLAG OUT OF WHITE BARK! BUT YOUR "SIGNAL" IS BETTER, SUPERBOY! THE ALIENS WILL KNOW ONLY INTELLIGENT BEINGS COULD MAKE THAT GEOMETRIC DESIGN!
BUT IRONICALLY, SUPERBOY'S HUMAN FORM UNDERNEATH IS HIDDEN FROM THE ALIENS!
COMMANDER, I SEE A RED, BLUE AND YELLOW OBJECT THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY MADE BY A THINKING CREATURE -- BUT ALL I SEE NEARBY IS A ROBOT!
ROBOT? THEN IT MUST BE A TRICK TO LURE US DOWN TO OUR DEATH!

WE ALL REMEMBER HOW THE ROBOT WORKERS WE ONCE BUILT ON OUR WORLD TURNED AGAINST US IN A ROBOT WAR! WE HAD TO DESTROY THEM! THAT ROBOT BELOW MUST BE ONE OF THE FEW WHO ESCAPED IN SPACESHIPS! MAN THE ATOMIC GUNS!


BLAST THAT RENEGADE ROBOT APART!
GREAT SCOTT! THEY'RE SHOOTING ATOMIC RAYS AT YOU! JUMP, METALMAN, BEFORE THEY HIT YOU!

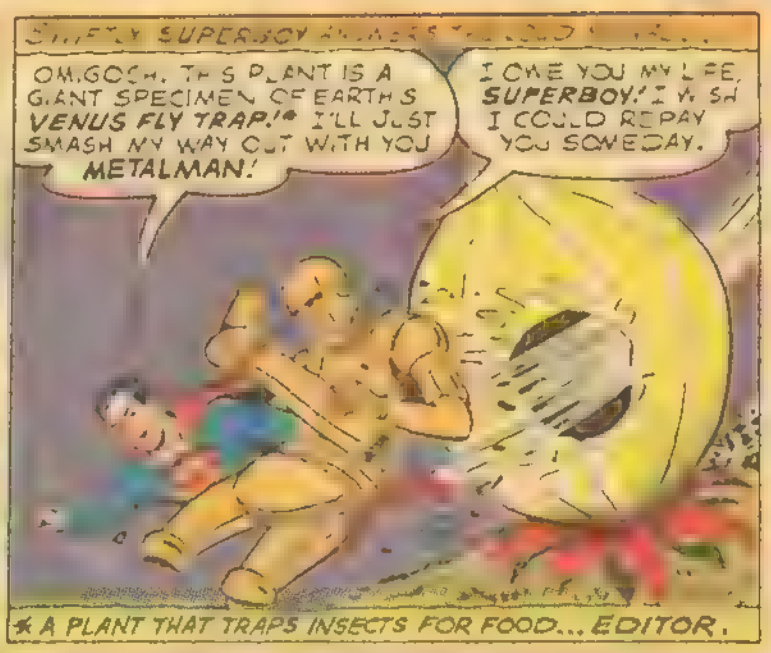
IT IS ALL AN IRONIC MYSTERY TO SUPERBOY AND METALMAN...
THEIR SHIP WENT AWAY! BUT WHY DID THEY TRY TO DESTROY ME, INSTEAD OF COMING TO OUR RESCUE?
I-I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW! WE'RE STILL MAROONED!

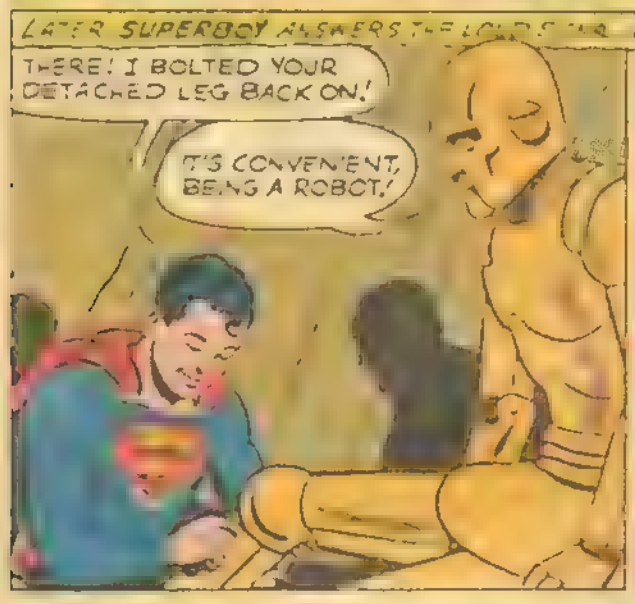
LATER, SUPERBOY USES THE SUPER-PRESSURE OF HIS FINGER TO SADLY "WRITE" ON A FLAT STONE!
I'LL MAKE A RECORD OF OUR EXILE HERE! FIND ME SOME MORE FLAT STONES, METALMAN!
...TODAY A SPACESHIP PASSED BY WITHOUT PICKING US UP! WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL EVER BE RESCUED...

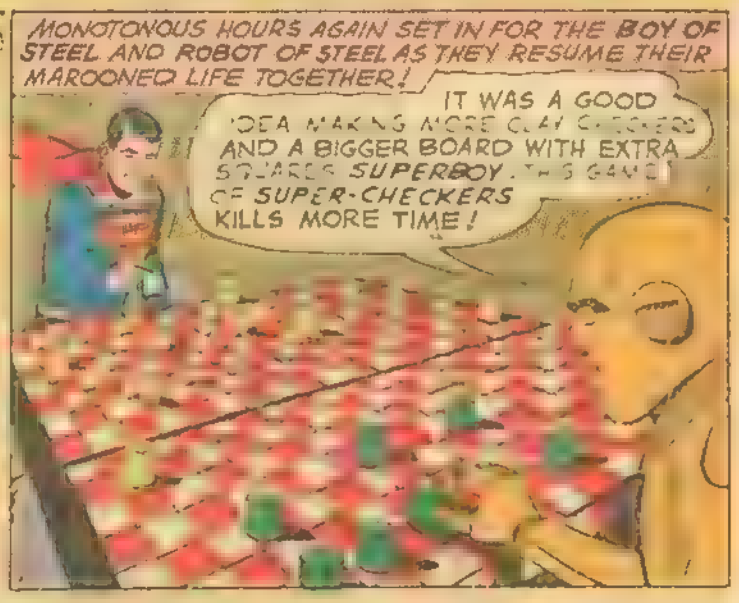

ELSEWHERE, METALMAN FINDS THE FLAT STONES BUT STUMBLES INTO DANGER...
OH...I SLIPPED! I'M FALLING INTO THAT HUGE PLANT WHICH PREYS ON GIANT INSECTS!

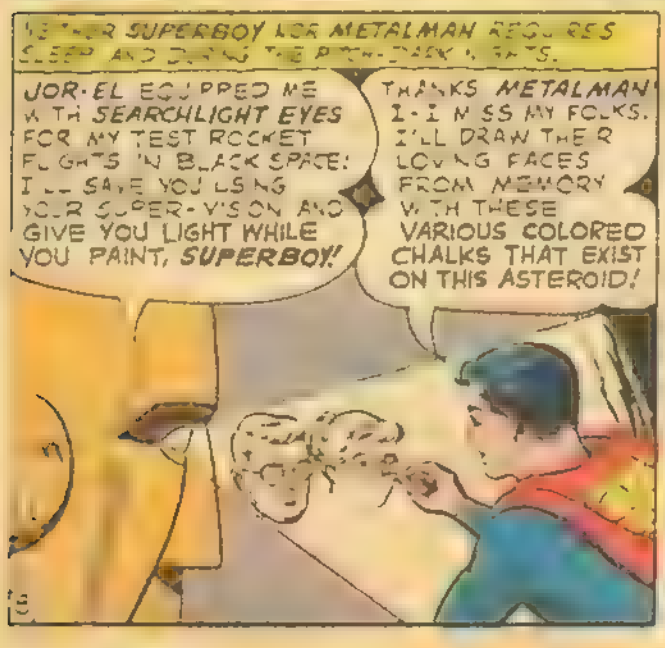
INSIDE, WHERE THE PLANT'S INSECT VICTIMS ARE QUICKLY DISSOLVED...
THIS IS A POOL OF ACID! IT WILL DISSOLVE MY METAL BODY BEFORE I CAN SMASH MY WAY OUT! AND MY MUFFLED YELLS WILL NEVER REACH SUPERBOY...
HELP... HELP!

AS THE ACID LOOSENS ONE OF HIS LEGS AT THE KNEE-JOINT, METALMAN HAS AN INSPIRATION!
AH, I'LL USE IT AS A "MALLET" AND STRIKE MY BODY LIKE A GONG!
CLANG
CLANG


SWIFTLY SUPERBOY ANSWERS THE LOUD CALL...
OH, GOSH. THIS PLANT IS A GIANT SPECIMEN OF EARTH'S VENUS FLY TRAP!* I'LL JUST SMASH MY WAY OUT WITH YOU METALMAN!
I OWE YOU MY LIFE, SUPERBOY! I WISH I COULD REPAY YOU SOMEDAY.
* A PLANT THAT TRAPS INSECTS FOR FOOD... EDITOR.


LATER SUPERBOY ANSWERS THE LOUD CALL...
THERE! I BOLTED YOUR DETACHED LEG BACK ON!
IT'S CONVENIENT, BEING A ROBOT!


MONOTONOUS HOURS AGAIN SET IN FOR THE BOY OF STEEL AND ROBOT OF STEEL AS THEY RESUME THEIR MAROONED LIFE TOGETHER!
IT WAS A GOOD IDEA MAKING MORE CLAY CHECKERS AND A BIGGER BOARD WITH EXTRA SQUARES SUPERBOY. THIS GAME OF SUPER-CHECKERS KILLS MORE TIME!

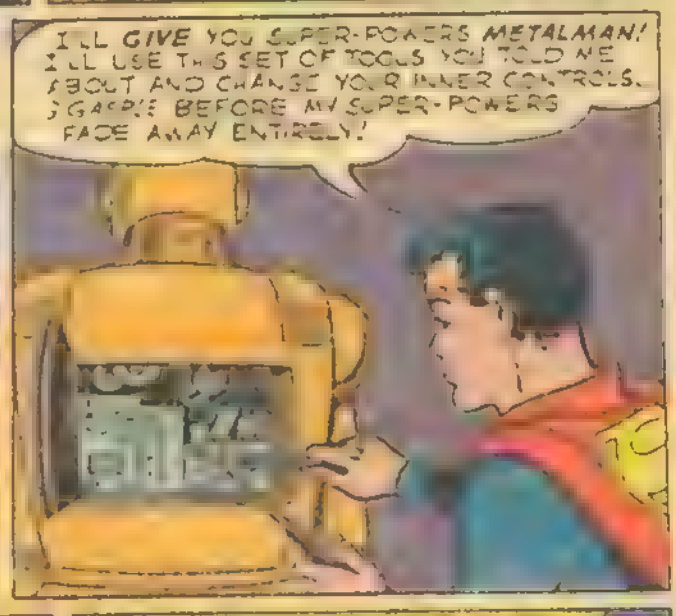

NEITHER SUPERBOY NOR METALMAN REQUIRES SLEEP AND DURING THE PITCH-DARK NIGHTS...
JOR-EL EQUIPPED ME WITH SEARCHLIGHT EYES FOR MY TEST ROCKET FLIGHTS IN BLACK SPACE! I'LL SAVE YOU USING YOUR SUPER-VISION AND GIVE YOU LIGHT WHILE YOU PAINT, SUPERBOY!
THANKS METALMAN! I-I MISS MY FOLKS. I'LL DRAW THEIR LOVING FACES FROM MEMORY WITH THESE VARIOUS COLORED CHALKS THAT EXIST ON THIS ASTEROID!

ANOTHER SPECIAL POWER OF THE ROBOT IS MORE VITALLY NEEDED ONE DAY, AS A GLACIAL AVALANCHE BRINGS DANGER...
THIS GLACIER CAME SLIDING DOWN AT OUR SHELTER BUT... OOF!... I CAN'T SHOVE IT BACK! WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SUPER-STRENGTH?
STAND ASIDE SUPERBOY! I CAN ALSO TURN MY METAL BODY RED HOT, AND...

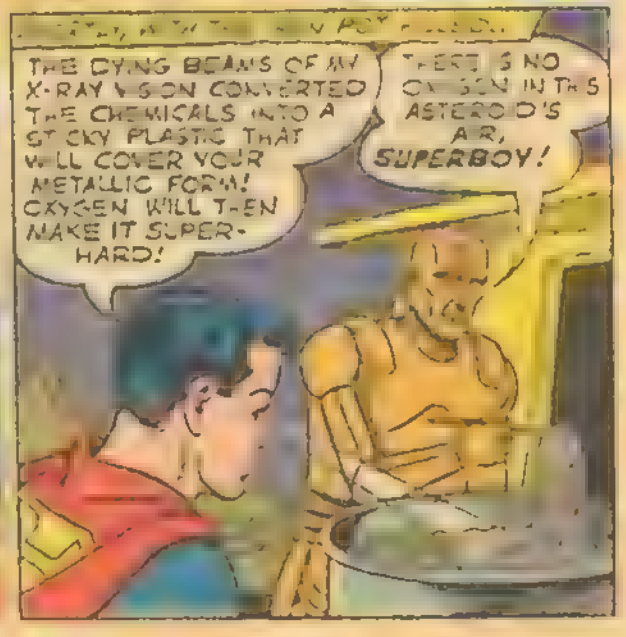
MELT THE GLACIER!
GOOD WORK METALMAN! BUT WHY AM I SLOWLY WEAKENING? OH GOSH! I SEE THE ANSWER UP IN SPACE

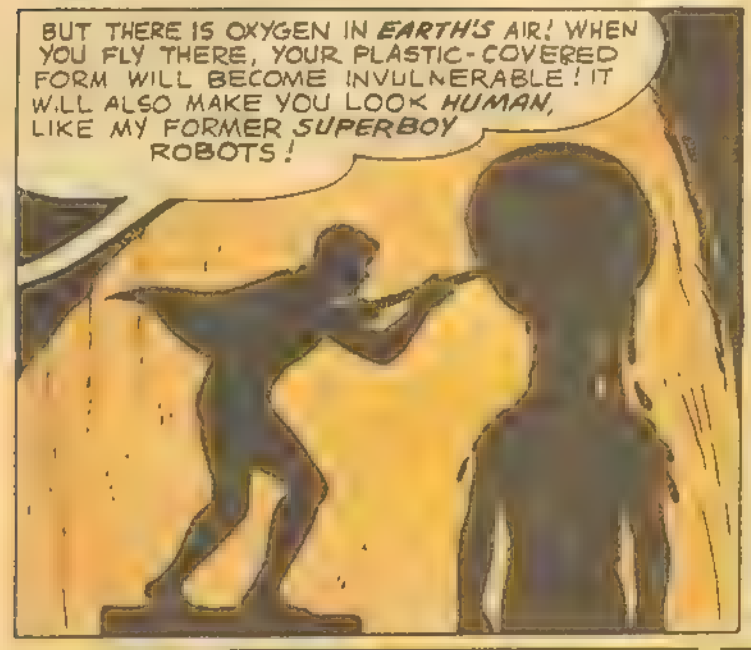
THE KRYPTONITE RAYS ARE CLOSING IN AROUND THIS ASTEROID! AND WITHOUT LEAD FOR A SHIELD, NOW I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE AND RETURN TO EARTH! I'M DOOMED TOO EVERY SOON!

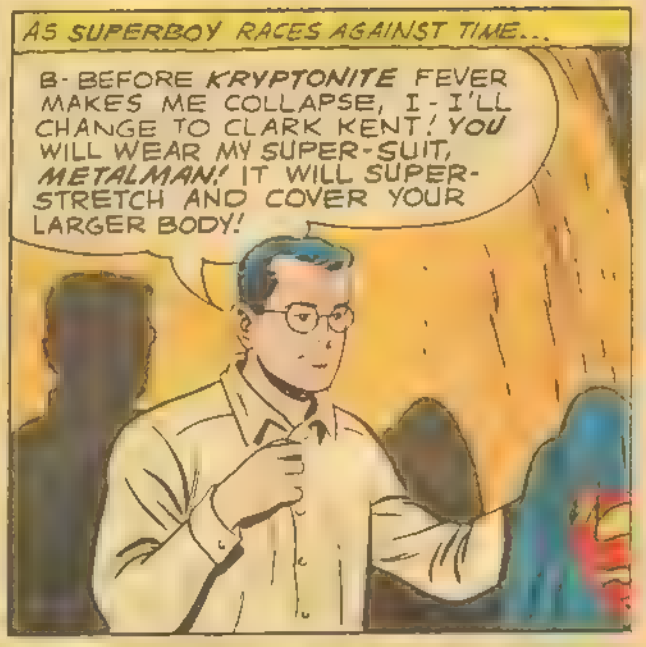
THAT WILL LEAVE EARTH WITHOUT MY SUPER-HELP! AND SINCE MY FIVE SUPER-ROBOTS WERE DESTROYED ONLY YOU CAN TAKE MY PLACE!
BUT I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOU, SUPERBOY! WHY, I CAN'T EVEN FLY TO EARTH!

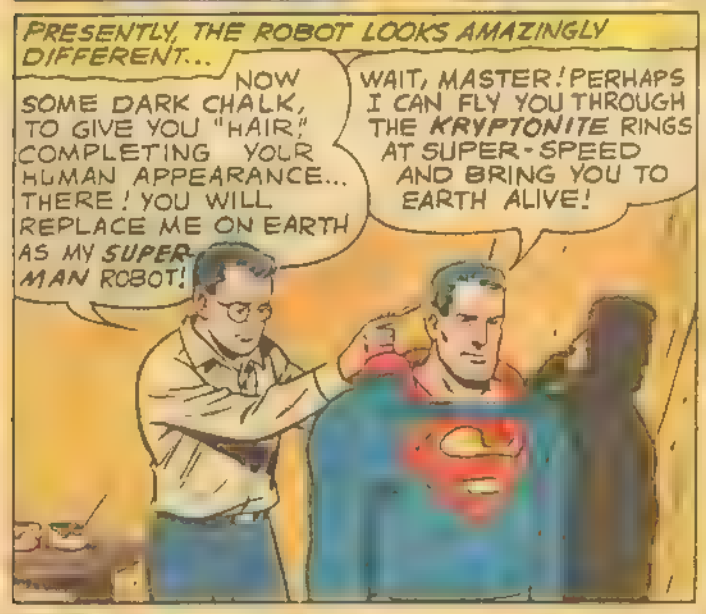

I'LL GIVE YOU SUPER-POWERS METALMAN! I'LL USE THIS SET OF TOOLS YOU TOLD ME ABOUT AND CHANGE YOUR INNER CONTROLS. GASP! BEFORE MY SUPER-POWERS FADE AWAY ENTIRELY!

FIGHTING PAIN, SUPERBOY DUPLICATES THE SUPER-
WHY, I CAN FLY NOW!
YOU HAVE ALL THE OTHER SUPER-POWERS TOO, METAL-MAN... EXCEPT INVULNERABILITY! BUT YOU'LL ALSO HAVE THAT, AFTER I USE THIS PORTION OF YOUR WRECKED ROCKET AS AN IRON POT... GASP! E... TO MIX SOME OF THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN THE CLAY SOIL!

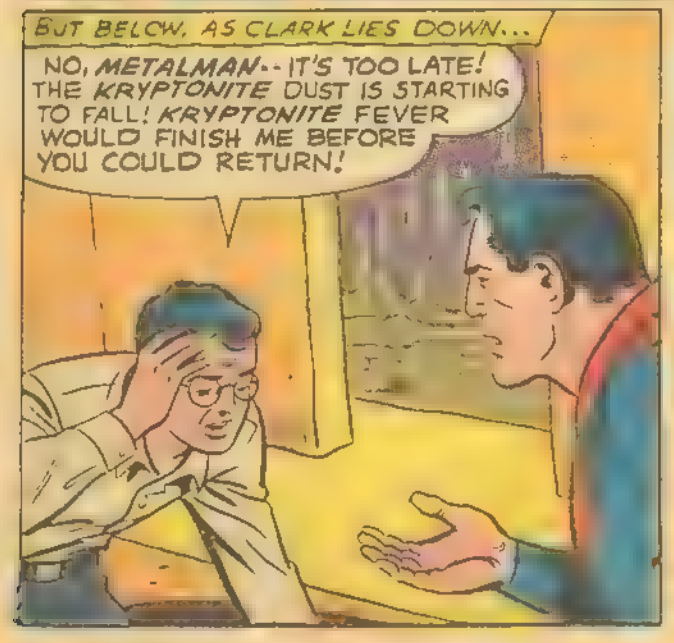

THE DYING BEAMS OF MY X-RAY VISION CONVERTED THE CHEMICALS INTO A STICKY PLASTIC THAT WILL COVER YOUR METALLIC FORM! OXYGEN WILL THEN MAKE IT SUPER-HARD!
THERE'S NO OXYGEN IN THIS ASTEROID'S AIR, SUPERBOY!

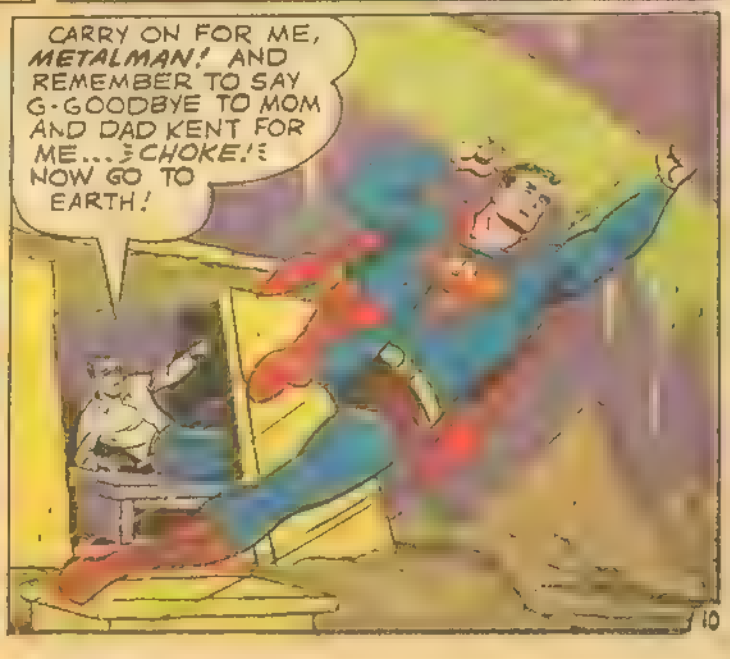

BUT THERE IS OXYGEN IN EARTH'S AIR! WHEN YOU FLY THERE, YOUR PLASTIC-COVERED FORM WILL BECOME INVULNERABLE! IT WILL ALSO MAKE YOU LOOK HUMAN, LIKE MY FORMER SUPERBOY ROBOTS!

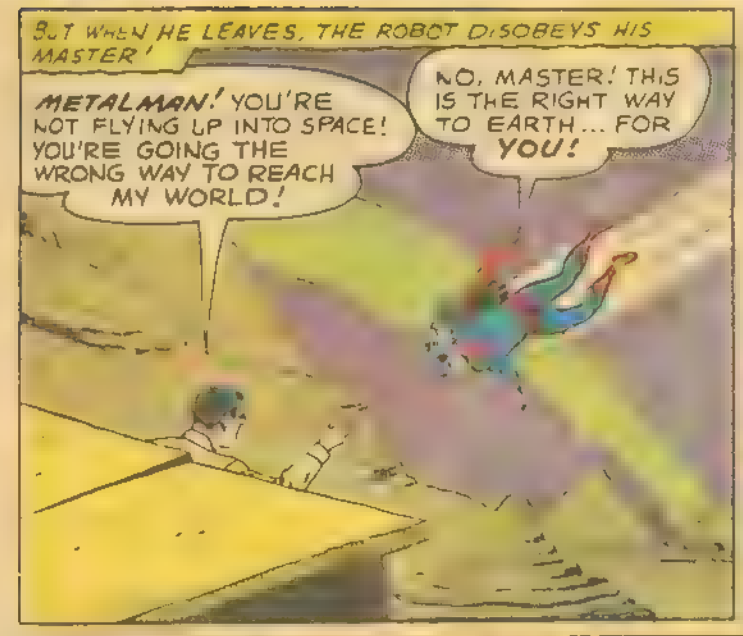

AS SUPERBOY RACES AGAINST TIME...
B-BEFORE KRYPTONITE FEVER MAKES ME COLLAPSE, I-I'LL CHANGE TO CLARK KENT! YOU WILL WEAR MY SUPER-SUIT, METALMAN! IT WILL SUPER-STRETCH AND COVER YOUR LARGER BODY!

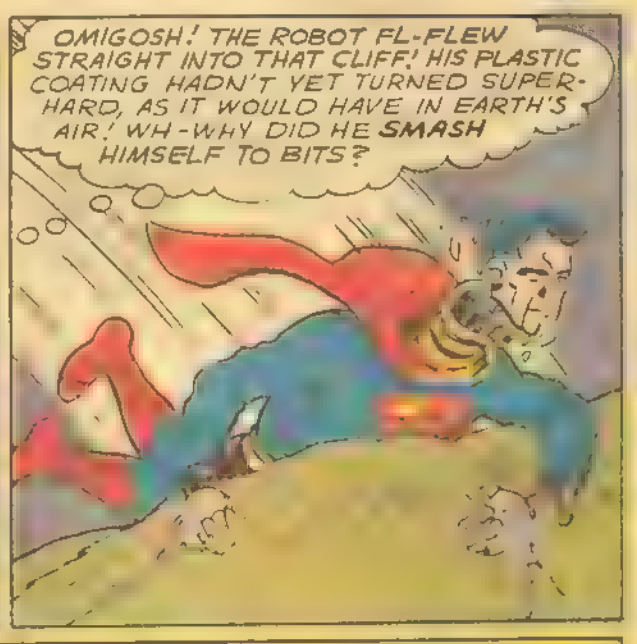

PRESENTLY, THE ROBOT LOOKS AMAZINGLY DIFFERENT...
NOW SOME DARK CHALK, TO GIVE YOU "HAIR," COMPLETING YOUR HUMAN APPEARANCE... THERE! YOU WILL REPLACE ME ON EARTH AS MY SUPER-MAN ROBOT!
WAIT, MASTER! PERHAPS I CAN FLY YOU THROUGH THE KRYPTONITE RINGS AT SUPER-SPEED AND BRING YOU TO EARTH ALIVE!

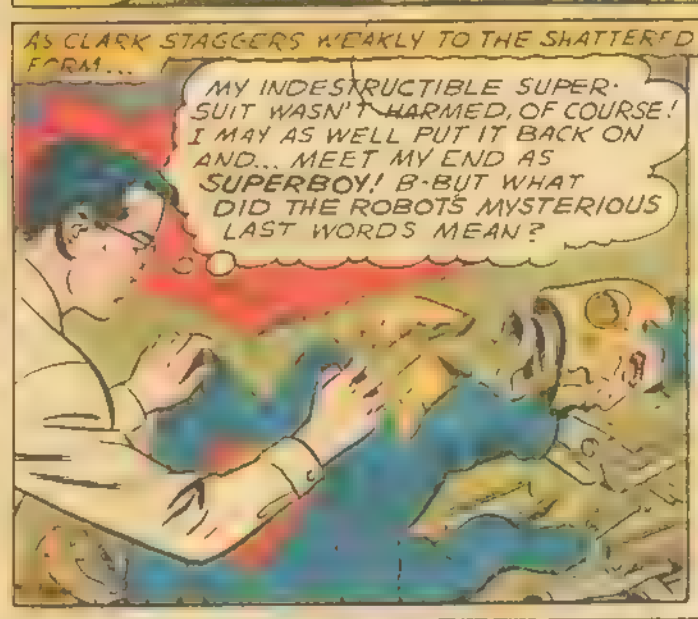
BUT WHEN THE DESPERATE PLAN IS TRIED...
;GASP!; ... TERRIBLE PAINS... I CAN'T STAND IT! OHHH!
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK DOWN, MASTER! BUT I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA... I'LL FLY TO EARTH ALONE AND BRING BACK LEAD TO SHIELD YOUR BODY!

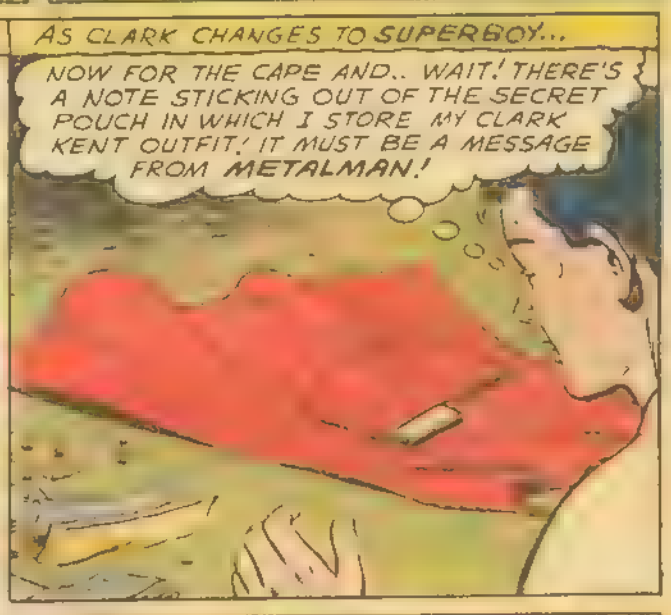

BUT BELOW, AS CLARK LIES DOWN...
NO, METALMAN--IT'S TOO LATE! THE KRYPTONITE DUST IS STARTING TO FALL! KRYPTONITE FEVER WOULD FINISH ME BEFORE YOU COULD RETURN!

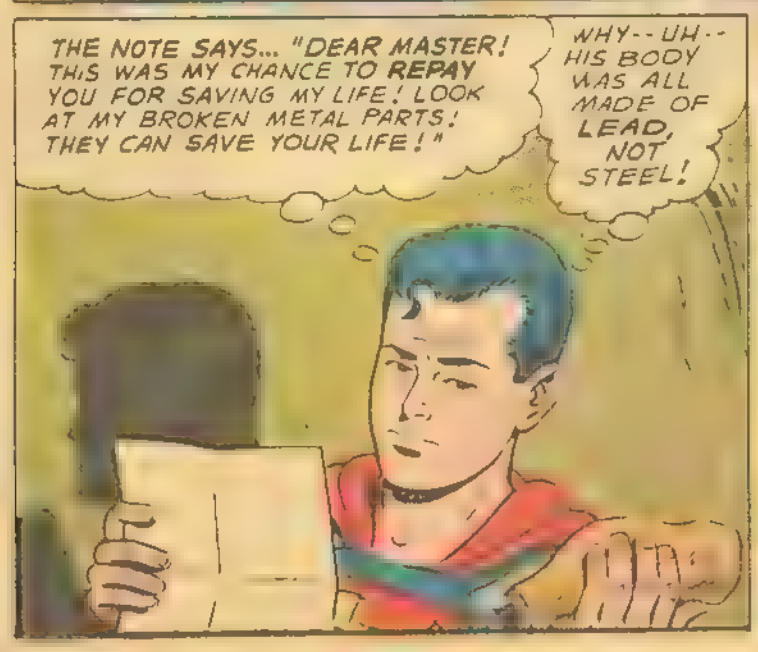

CARRY ON FOR ME, METALMAN! AND REMEMBER TO SAY G-GOODBYE TO MOM AND DAD KENT FOR ME... ;CHOKE!; NOW GO TO EARTH!

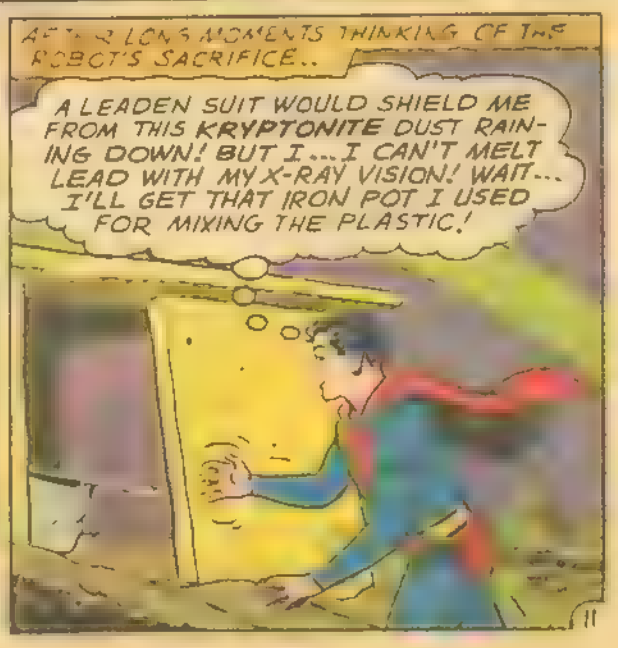

BUT WHEN HE LEAVES, THE ROBOT DISOBEYS HIS MASTER!
METALMAN! YOU'RE NOT FLYING UP INTO SPACE! YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY TO REACH MY WORLD!
NO, MASTER! THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO EARTH... FOR YOU!

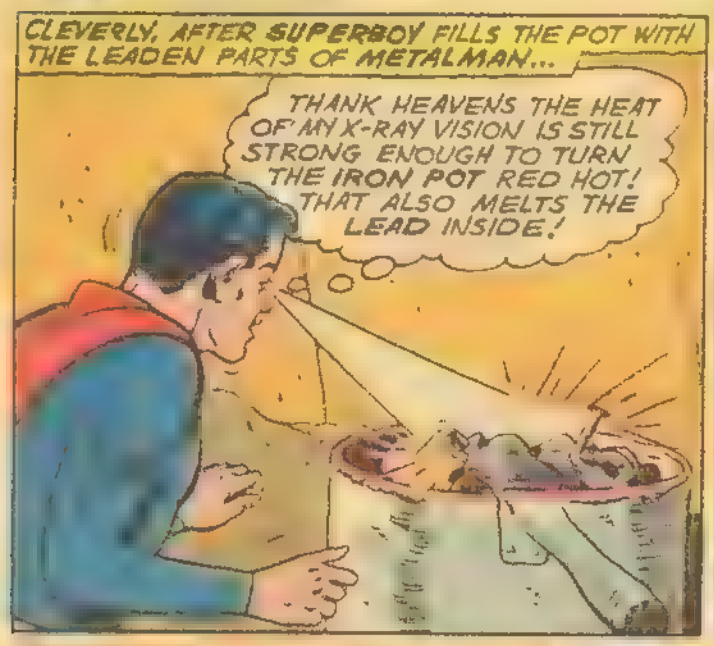

OMIGOSH! THE ROBOT FL-FLEW STRAIGHT INTO THAT CLIFF! HIS PLASTIC COATING HADN'T YET TURNED SUPER-HARD, AS IT WOULD HAVE IN EARTH'S AIR! WH-WHY DID HE SMASH HIMSELF TO BITS?


AS CLARK STAGGERS WEAKLY TO THE SHATTERED FORM...
MY INDESTRUCTIBLE SUPER-SUIT WASN'T HARMED, OF COURSE! I MAY AS WELL PUT IT BACK ON AND... MEET MY END AS SUPERBOY! B-BUT WHAT DID THE ROBOT'S MYSTERIOUS LAST WORDS MEAN?

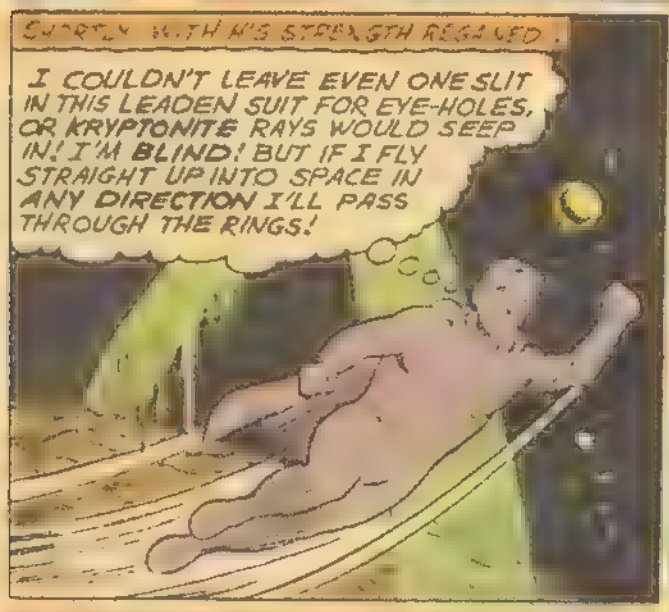

AS CLARK CHANGES TO SUPERBOY...
NOW FOR THE CAPE AND.. WAIT! THERE'S A NOTE STICKING OUT OF THE SECRET POUCH IN WHICH I STORE MY CLARK KENT OUTFIT! IT MUST BE A MESSAGE FROM METALMAN!

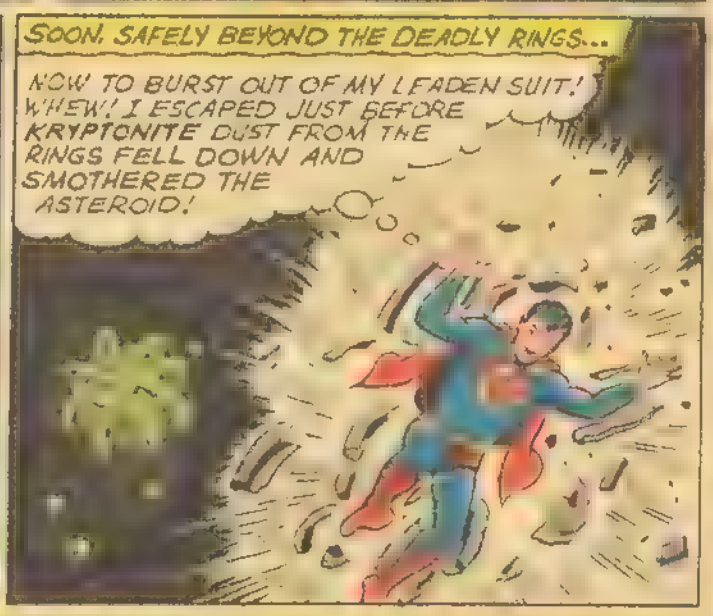

THE NOTE SAYS... "DEAR MASTER! THIS WAS MY CHANCE TO REPAY YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE! LOOK AT MY BROKEN METAL PARTS! THEY CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!"
WHY--UH--HIS BODY WAS ALL MADE OF LEAD, NOT STEEL!

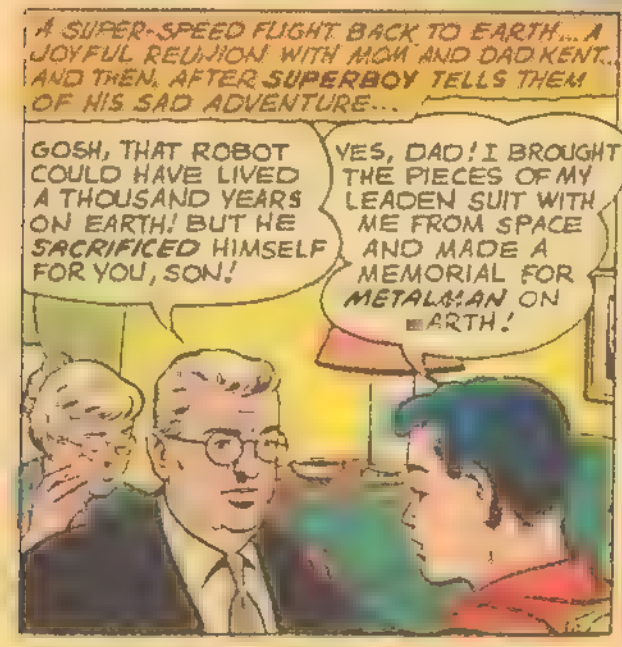

AFTER LONG MOMENTS THINKING OF THE ROBOT'S SACRIFICE..
A LEADEN SUIT WOULD SHIELD ME FROM THIS KRYPTONITE DUST RAINING DOWN! BUT I...I CAN'T MELT LEAD WITH MY X-RAY VISION! WAIT... I'LL GET THAT IRON POT I USED FOR MIXING THE PLASTIC!

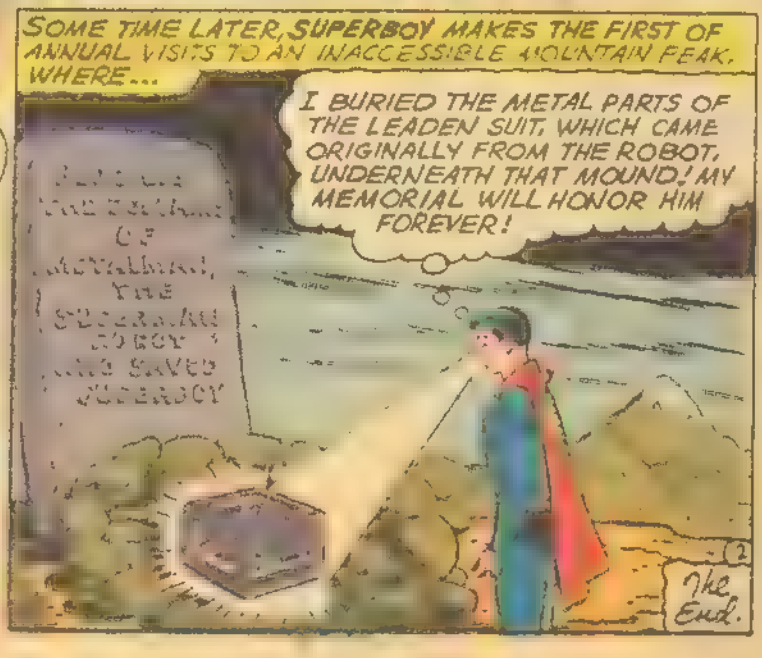

CLEVERLY, AFTER SUPERBOY FILLS THE POT WITH THE LEADEN PARTS OF METALMAN...
THANK HEAVENS THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION IS STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO TURN THE IRON POT RED HOT! THAT ALSO MELTS THE LEAD INSIDE!

THEN, USING HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH...
BEFORE, I POURED PLASTIC OVER THE ROBOT! NOW I'LL SIMILARLY POUR THE MOLTEN LEAD DOWN OVER ME! IT'LL HARDEN INTO A LEADEN SUIT THAT WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE KRYPTONITE RAYS!


SHORTLY WITH HIS STRENGTH REGAINED...
I COULDN'T LEAVE EVEN ONE SLIT IN THIS LEADEN SUIT FOR EYE-HOLES, OR KRYPTONITE RAYS WOULD SEEP IN! I'M BLIND! BUT IF I FLY STRAIGHT UP INTO SPACE IN ANY DIRECTION I'LL PASS THROUGH THE RINGS!


SOON, SAFELY BEYOND THE DEADLY RINGS...
NOW TO BURST OUT OF MY LEADEN SUIT! WHEW! I ESCAPED JUST BEFORE KRYPTONITE DUST FROM THE RINGS FELL DOWN AND SMOTHERED THE ASTEROID!


A SUPER-SPEED FLIGHT BACK TO EARTH... A JOYFUL REUNION WITH MOM AND DAD KENT... AND THEN, AFTER SUPERBOY TELLS THEM OF HIS SAD ADVENTURE...
GOSH, THAT ROBOT COULD HAVE LIVED A THOUSAND YEARS ON EARTH! BUT HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR YOU, SON!
YES, DAD! I BROUGHT THE PIECES OF MY LEADEN SUIT WITH ME FROM SPACE AND MADE A MEMORIAL FOR METALMAN ON EARTH!


SOME TIME LATER, SUPERBOY MAKES THE FIRST OF ANNUAL VISITS TO AN INACCESSIBLE MOUNTAIN PEAK, WHERE...
I BURIED THE METAL PARTS OF THE LEADEN SUIT, WHICH CAME ORIGINALLY FROM THE ROBOT, UNDERNEATH THAT MOUND! MY MEMORIAL WILL HONOR HIM FOREVER!
The End.

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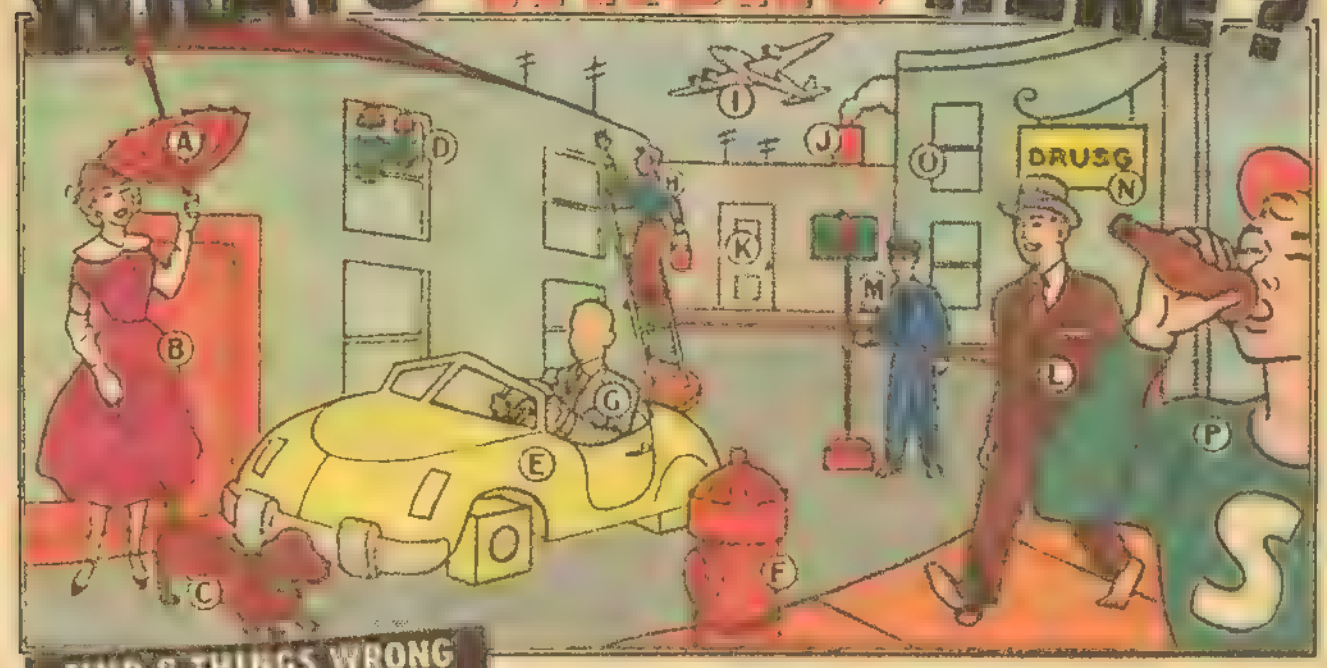

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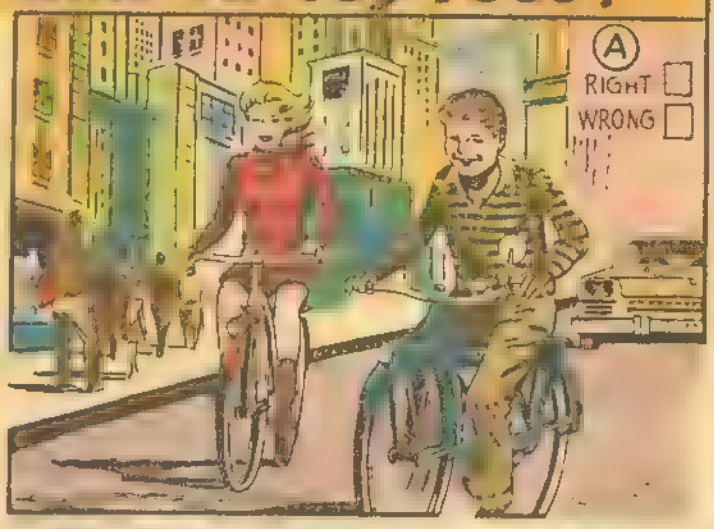

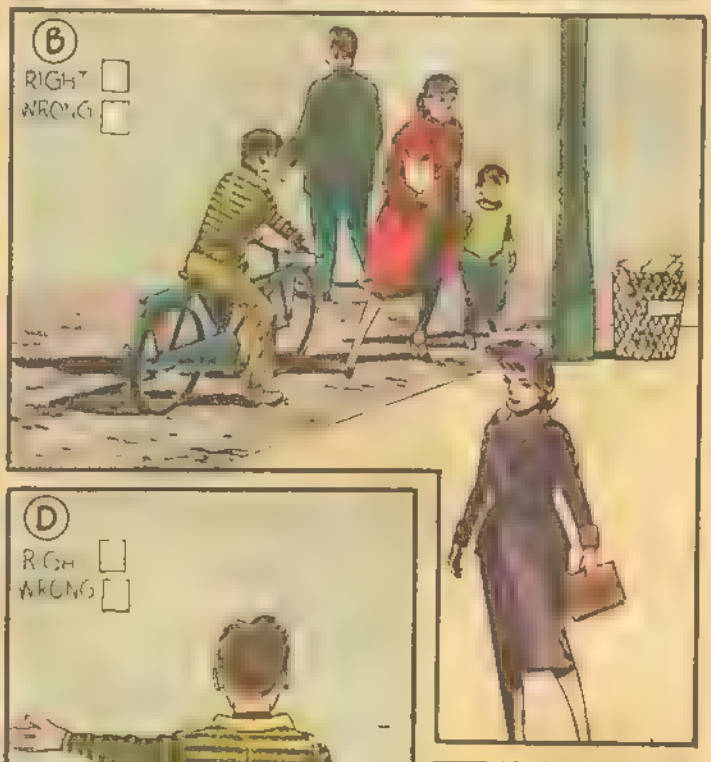

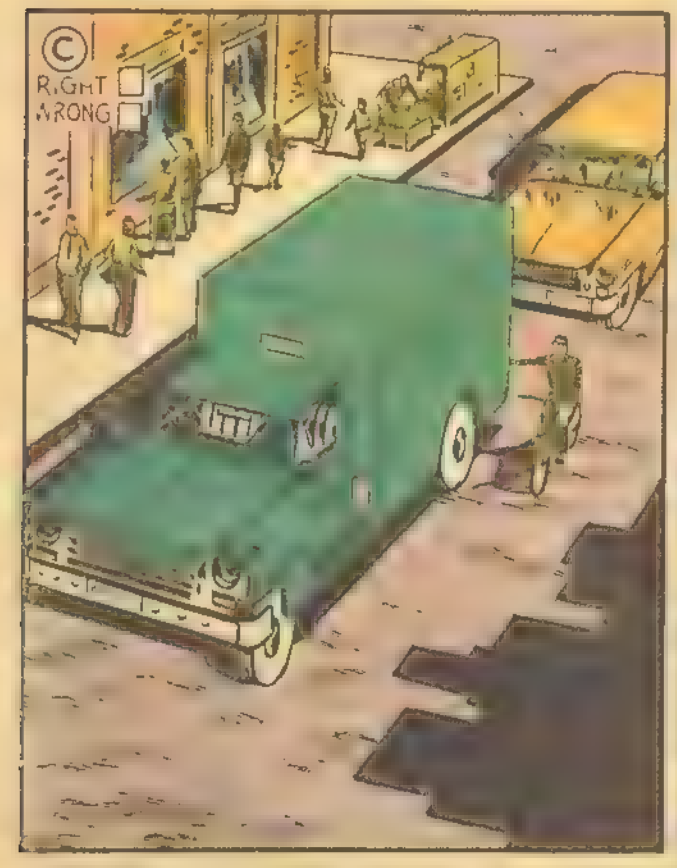

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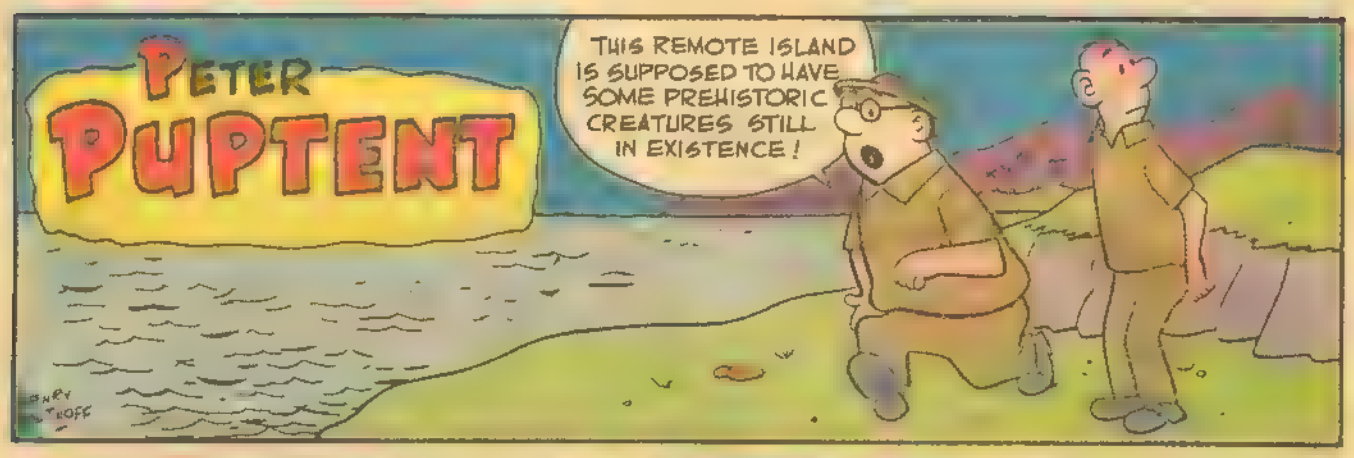

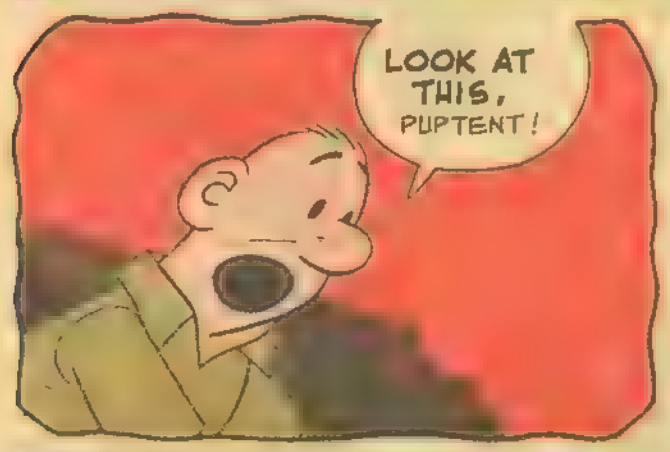

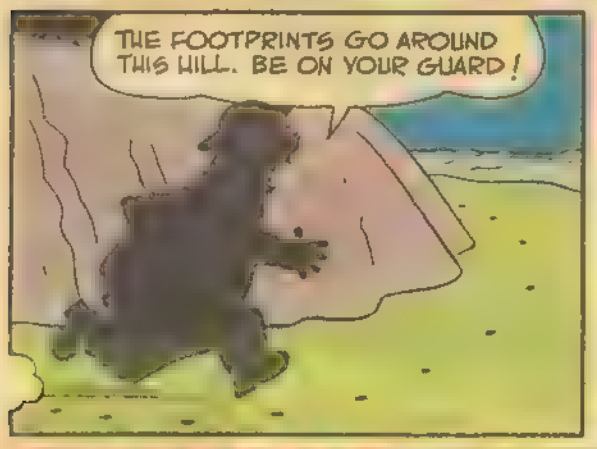

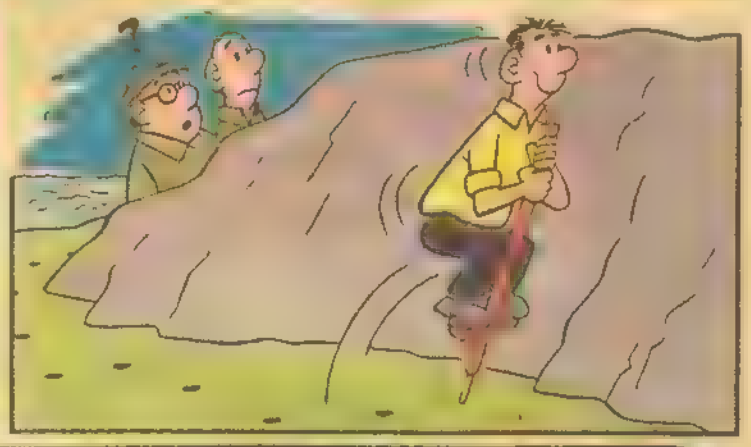

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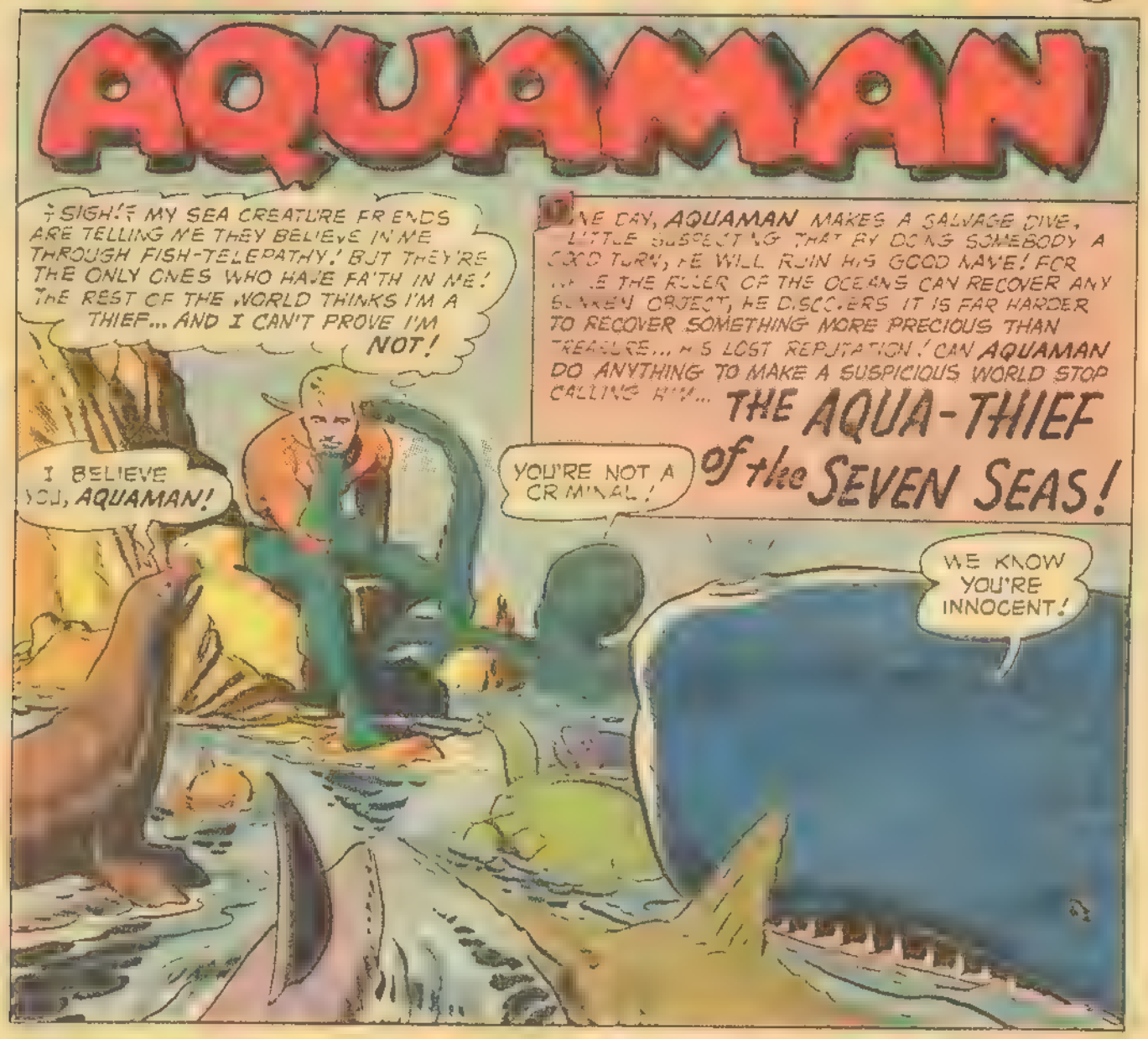
SIGH! MY SEA CREATURE FRIENDS ARE TELLING ME THEY BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH FISH-TELEPATHY! BUT THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE FAITH IN ME! THE REST OF THE WORLD THINKS I'M A THIEF... AND I CAN'T PROVE I'M NOT!
ONE DAY, AQUAMAN MAKES A SALVAGE DIVE, LITTLE SUSPECTING THAT BY DOING SOMEBODY A GOOD TURN, HE WILL RUIN HIS GOOD NAME! FOR WHILE THE RULER OF THE OCEANS CAN RECOVER ANY SUNKEN OBJECT, HE DISCOVERS IT IS FAR HARDER TO RECOVER SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN TREASURE... HIS LOST REPUTATION! CAN AQUAMAN DO ANYTHING TO MAKE A SUSPICIOUS WORLD STOP CALLING HIM...
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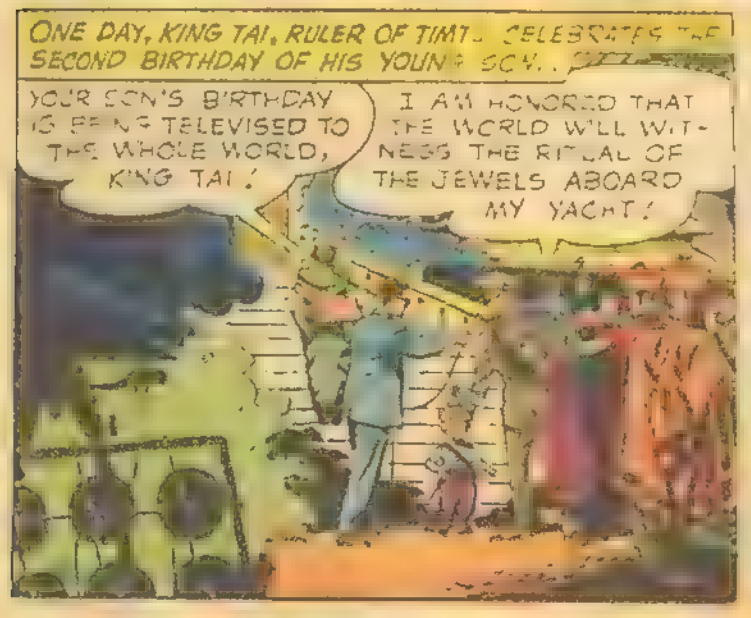
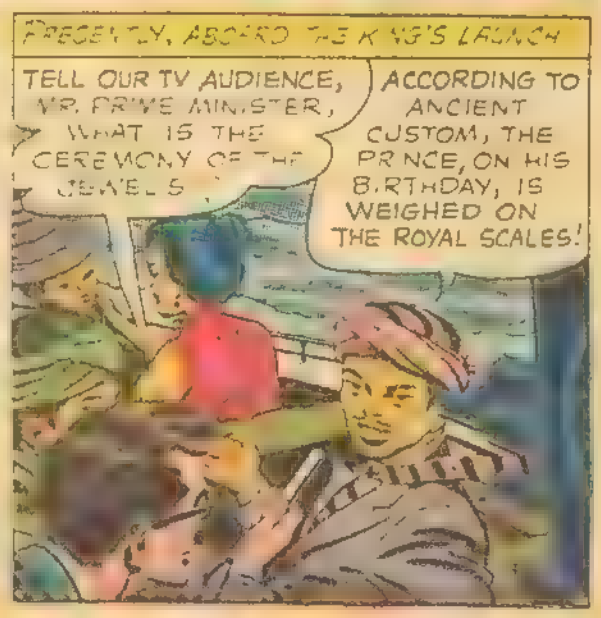
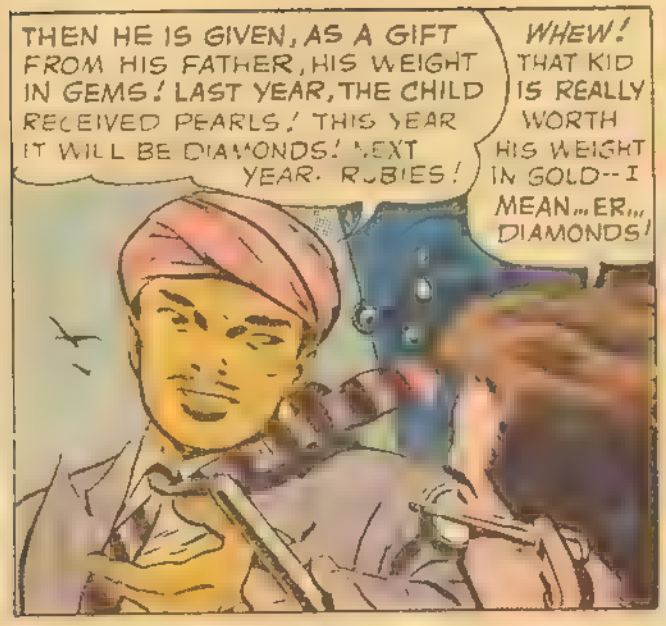
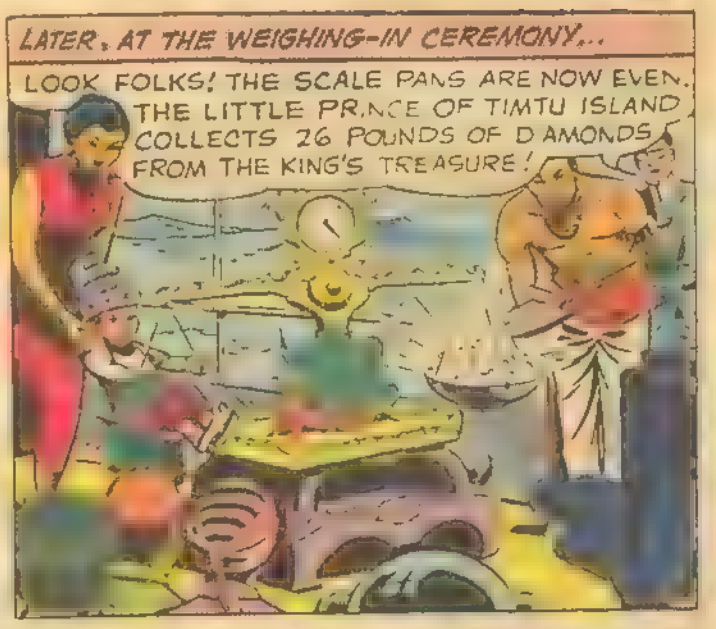
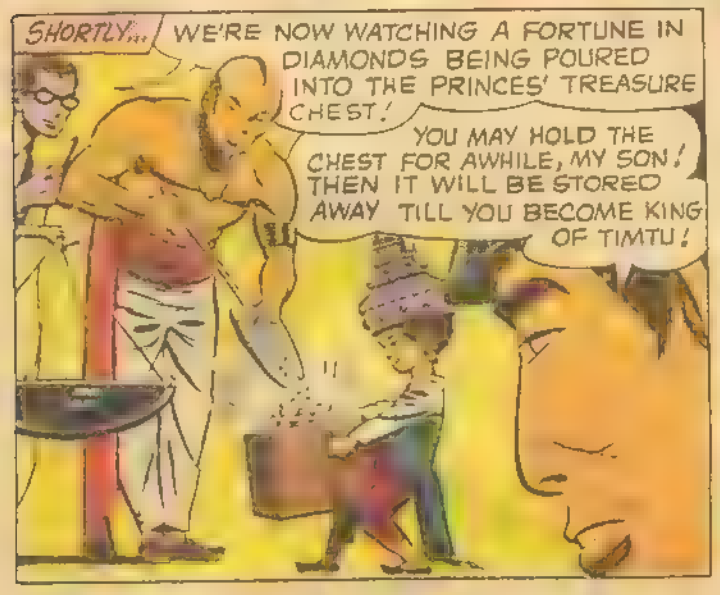
I BELIEVE YOU, AQUAMAN!
YOU'RE NOT A CRIMINAL!
WE KNOW YOU'RE INNOCENT!

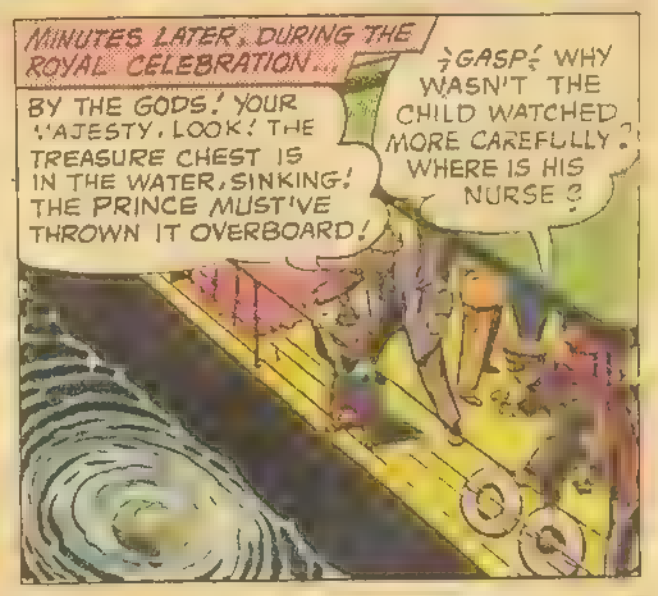

ONE DAY, KING TAI, RULER OF TIMTU, CELEBRATES THE SECOND BIRTHDAY OF HIS YOUNG SON...
YOUR SON'S BIRTHDAY IS BEING TELEVISED TO THE WHOLE WORLD, KING TAI!
I AM HONORED THAT THE WORLD WILL WITNESS THE RITUAL OF THE JEWELS ABOARD MY YACHT!

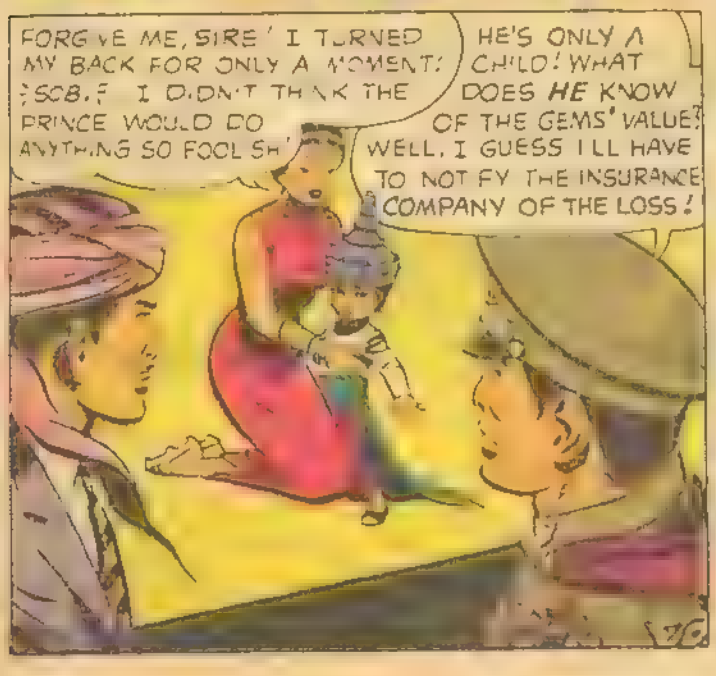

PRESENTLY, ABOARD THE KING'S LAUNCH
TELL OUR TV AUDIENCE, MR. PRIME MINISTER, WHAT IS THE CEREMONY OF THE JEWELS?
ACCORDING TO ANCIENT CUSTOM, THE PRINCE, ON HIS BIRTHDAY, IS WEIGHED ON THE ROYAL SCALES!

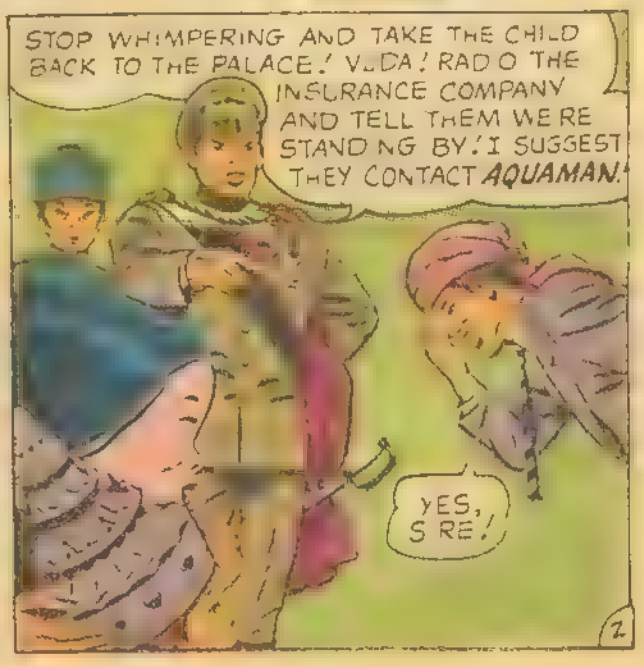

THEN HE IS GIVEN, AS A GIFT FROM HIS FATHER, HIS WEIGHT IN GEMS! LAST YEAR, THE CHILD RECEIVED PEARLS! THIS YEAR IT WILL BE DIAMONDS! NEXT YEAR: RUBIES!
WHEW! THAT KID IS REALLY WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD--I MEAN...ER... DIAMONDS!

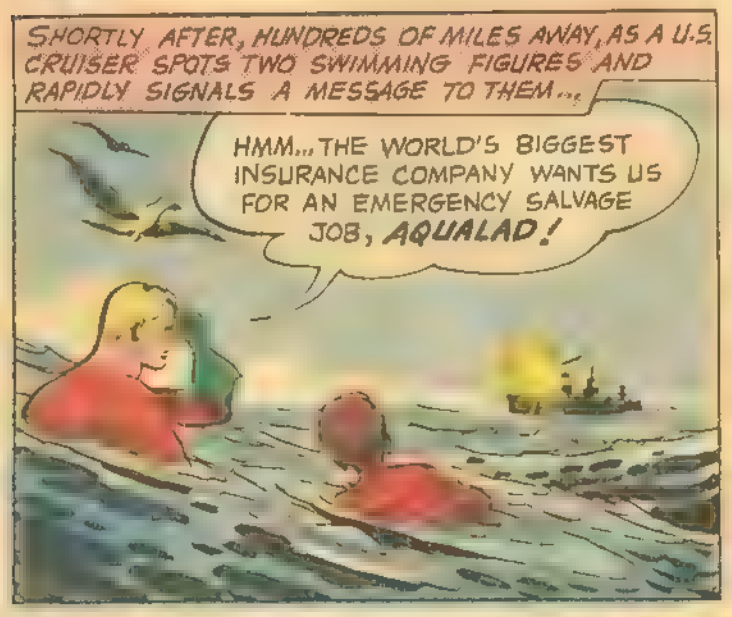

LATER, AT THE WEIGHING-IN CEREMONY...
LOOK FOLKS! THE SCALE PANS ARE NOW EVEN. THE LITTLE PRINCE OF TIMTU ISLAND COLLECTS 26 POUNDS OF DIAMONDS FROM THE KING'S TREASURE!

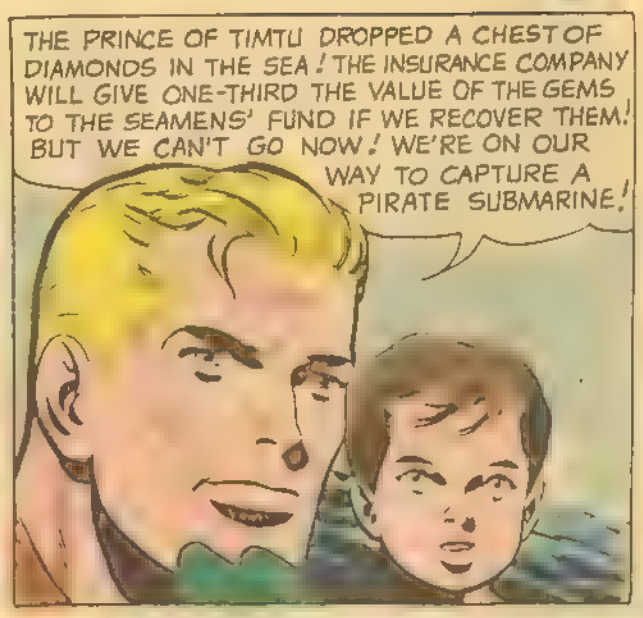

SHORTLY...
WE'RE NOW WATCHING A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS BEING POURED INTO THE PRINCES' TREASURE CHEST!
YOU MAY HOLD THE CHEST FOR AWHILE, MY SON! THEN IT WILL BE STORED AWAY TILL YOU BECOME KING OF TIMTU!

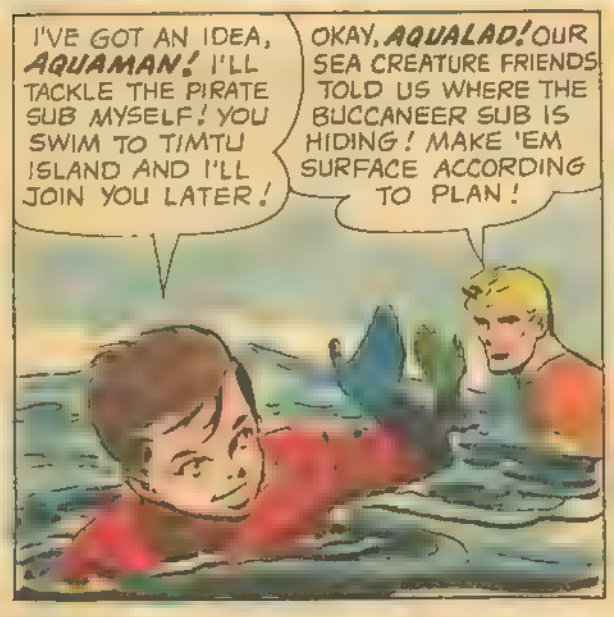

MINUTES LATER, DURING THE ROYAL CELEBRATION...
BY THE GODS! YOUR MAJESTY, LOOK! THE TREASURE CHEST IS IN THE WATER, SINKING! THE PRINCE MUST'VE THROWN IT OVERBOARD!
¿GASP! WHY WASN'T THE CHILD WATCHED MORE CAREFULLY? WHERE IS HIS NURSE?

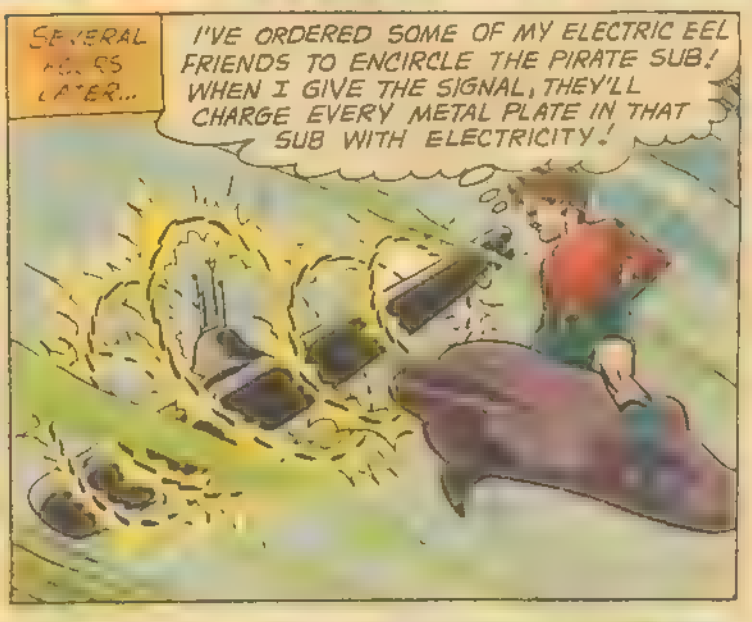

FORGIVE ME, SIRE! I TURNED MY BACK FOR ONLY A MOMENT! ¡SOB.! I DIDN'T THINK THE PRINCE WOULD DO ANYTHING SO FOOLISH!
HE'S ONLY A CHILD! WHAT DOES HE KNOW OF THE GEMS' VALUE? WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO NOTIFY THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE LOSS!

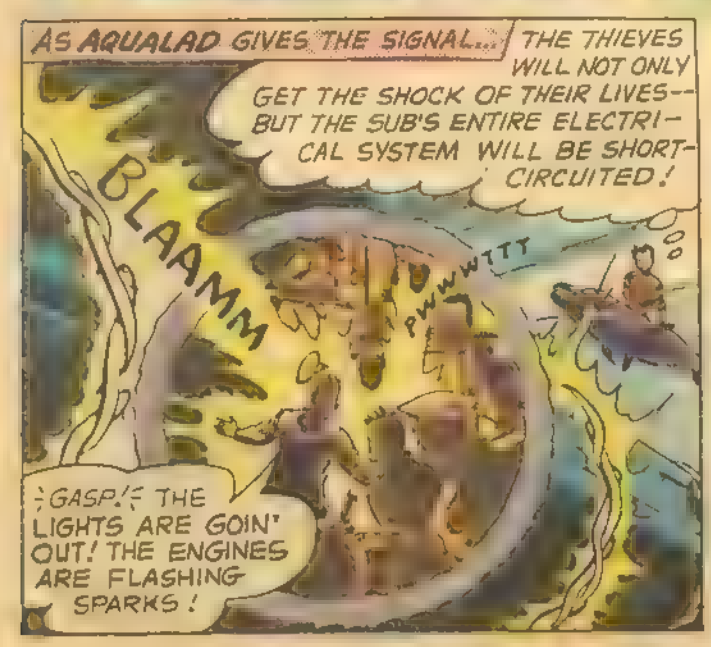

STOP WHIMPERING AND TAKE THE CHILD BACK TO THE PALACE! VIDA! RADIO THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND TELL THEM WE'RE STANDING BY! I SUGGEST THEY CONTACT AQUAMAN!
YES, SIRE!

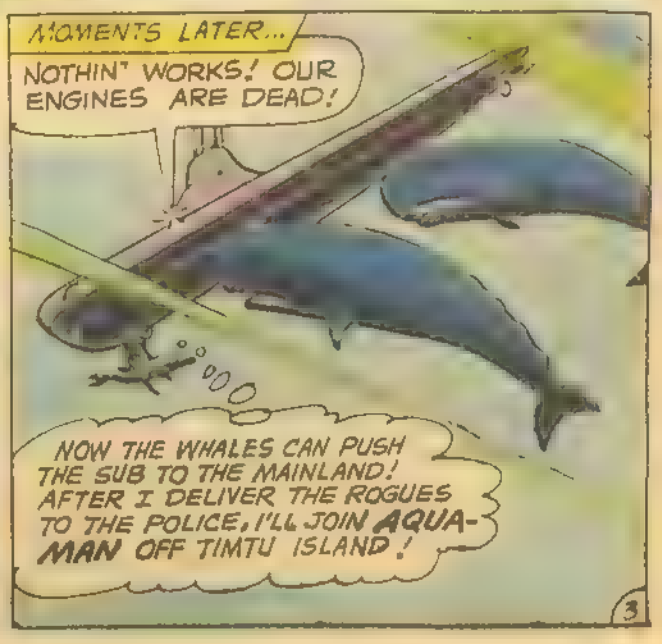

SHORTLY AFTER, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, AS A U.S. CRUISER SPOTS TWO SWIMMING FIGURES AND RAPIDLY SIGNALS A MESSAGE TO THEM...
HMM... THE WORLD'S BIGGEST INSURANCE COMPANY WANTS US FOR AN EMERGENCY SALVAGE JOB, AQUALAD!

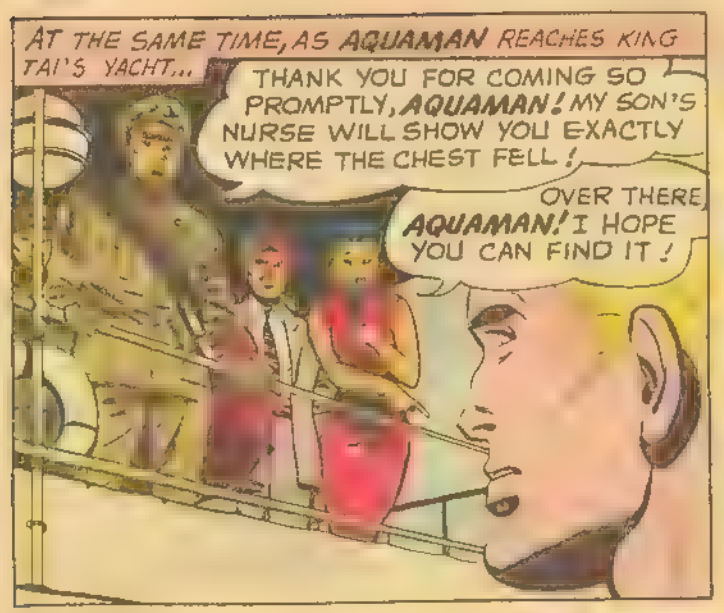

THE PRINCE OF TIMTU DROPPED A CHEST OF DIAMONDS IN THE SEA! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL GIVE ONE-THIRD THE VALUE OF THE GEMS TO THE SEAMENS' FUND IF WE RECOVER THEM! BUT WE CAN'T GO NOW! WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO CAPTURE A PIRATE SUBMARINE!

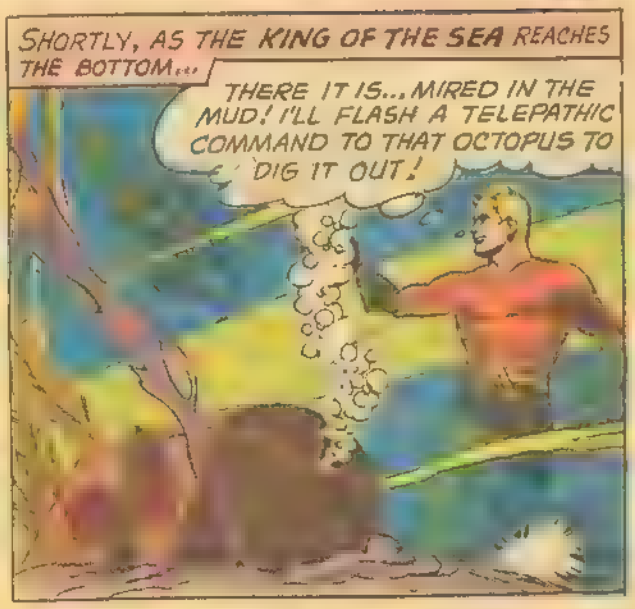

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, AQUAMAN! I'LL TACKLE THE PIRATE SUB MYSELF! YOU SWIM TO TIMTU ISLAND AND I'LL JOIN YOU LATER!
OKAY, AQUALAD! OUR SEA CREATURE FRIENDS TOLD US WHERE THE BUCCANEER SUB IS HIDING! MAKE 'EM SURFACE ACCORDING TO PLAN!

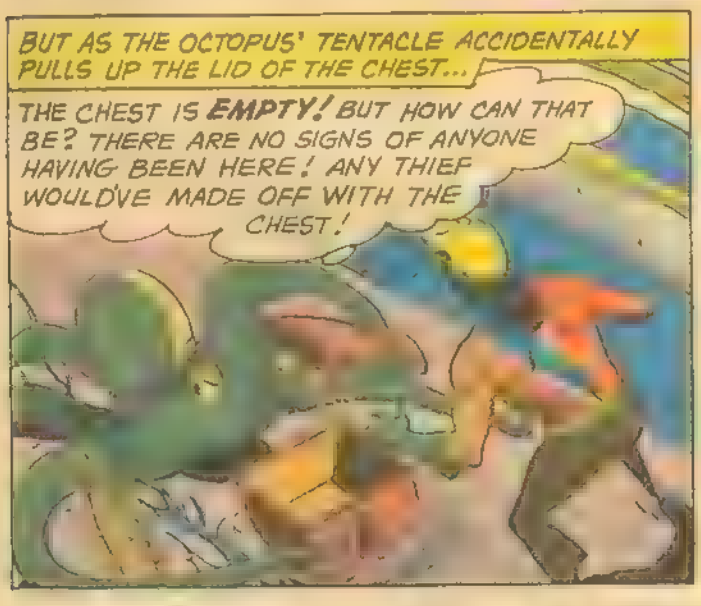

SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
I'VE ORDERED SOME OF MY ELECTRIC EEL FRIENDS TO ENCIRCLE THE PIRATE SUB! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, THEY'LL CHARGE EVERY METAL PLATE IN THAT SUB WITH ELECTRICITY!

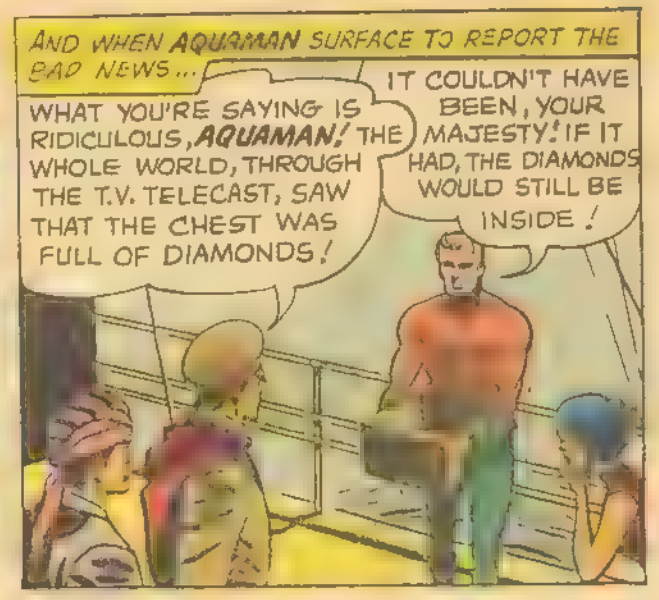

AS AQUALAD GIVES THE SIGNAL...
THE THIEVES WILL NOT ONLY GET THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES-- BUT THE SUB'S ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WILL BE SHORT-CIRCUITED!
BLAAMM
PWWWTTT
GASP! THE LIGHTS ARE GOIN' OUT! THE ENGINES ARE FLASHING SPARKS!

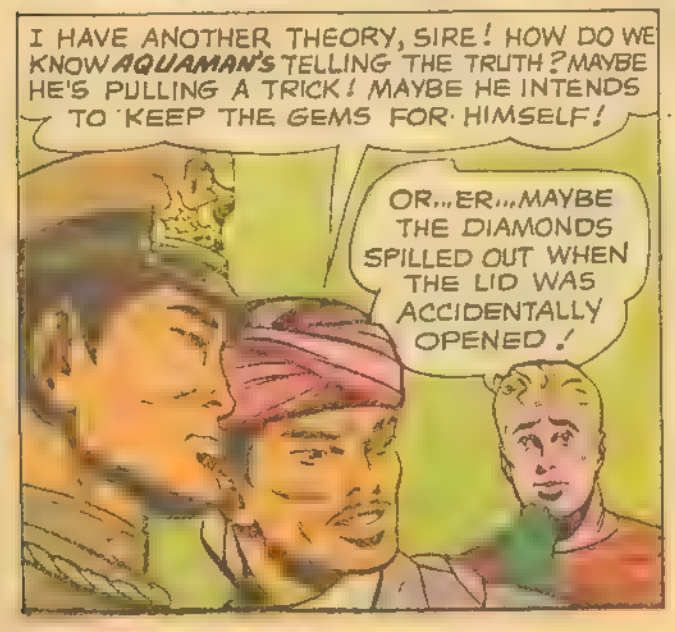

MOMENTS LATER...
NOTHIN' WORKS! OUR ENGINES ARE DEAD!
NOW THE WHALES CAN PUSH THE SUB TO THE MAINLAND! AFTER I DELIVER THE ROGUES TO THE POLICE, I'LL JOIN AQUAMAN OFF TIMTU ISLAND!

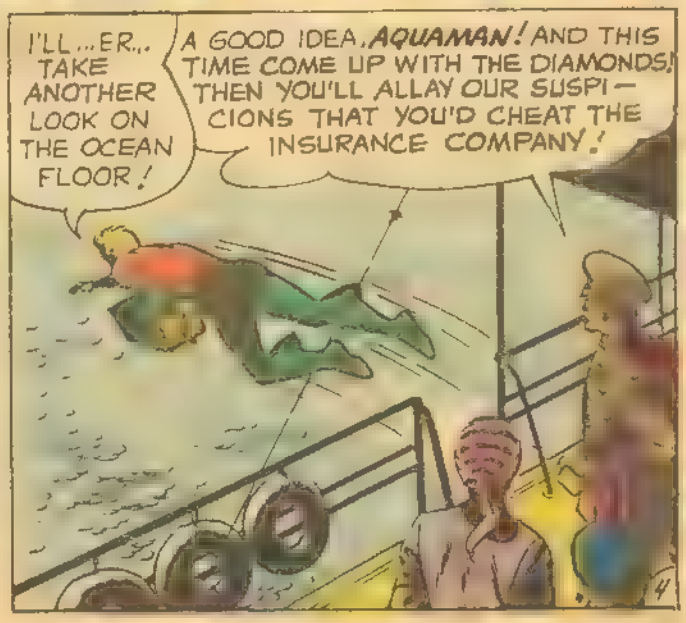

AT THE SAME TIME, AS AQUAMAN REACHES KING TAI'S YACHT...
THANK YOU FOR COMING SO PROMPTLY, AQUAMAN! MY SON'S NURSE WILL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHERE THE CHEST FELL!
OVER THERE AQUAMAN! I HOPE YOU CAN FIND IT!


SHORTLY, AS THE KING OF THE SEA REACHES THE BOTTOM...
THERE IT IS... MIRED IN THE MUD! I'LL FLASH A TELEPATHIC COMMAND TO THAT OCTOPUS TO DIG IT OUT!

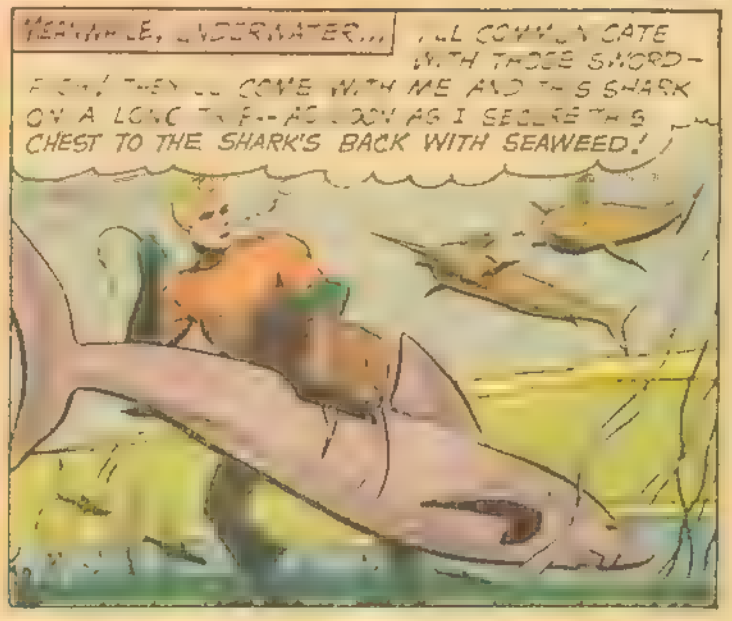

BUT AS THE OCTOPUS' TENTACLE ACCIDENTALLY PULLS UP THE LID OF THE CHEST...
THE CHEST IS EMPTY! BUT HOW CAN THAT BE? THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ANYONE HAVING BEEN HERE! ANY THIEF WOULD'VE MADE OFF WITH THE CHEST!

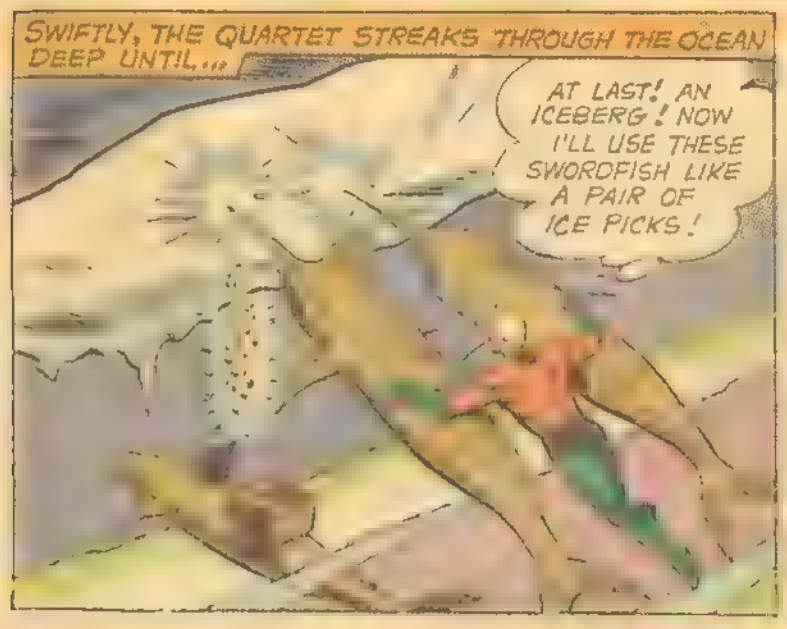

AND WHEN AQUAMAN SURFACE TO REPORT THE BAD NEWS...
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS RIDICULOUS, AQUAMAN! THE WHOLE WORLD, THROUGH THE T.V. TELECAST, SAW THAT THE CHEST WAS FULL OF DIAMONDS!
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN, YOUR MAJESTY! IF IT HAD, THE DIAMONDS WOULD STILL BE INSIDE!

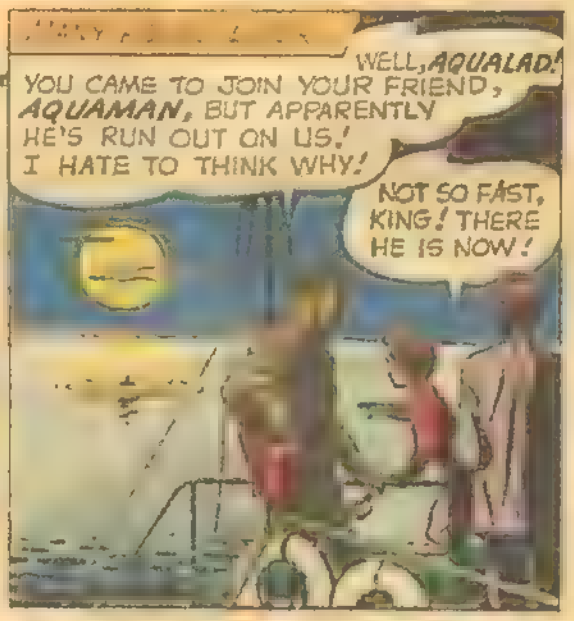

I HAVE ANOTHER THEORY, SIRE! HOW DO WE KNOW AQUAMAN'S TELLING THE TRUTH? MAYBE HE'S PULLING A TRICK! MAYBE HE INTENDS TO KEEP THE GEMS FOR HIMSELF!
OR...ER...MAYBE THE DIAMONDS SPILLED OUT WHEN THE LID WAS ACCIDENTALLY OPENED!

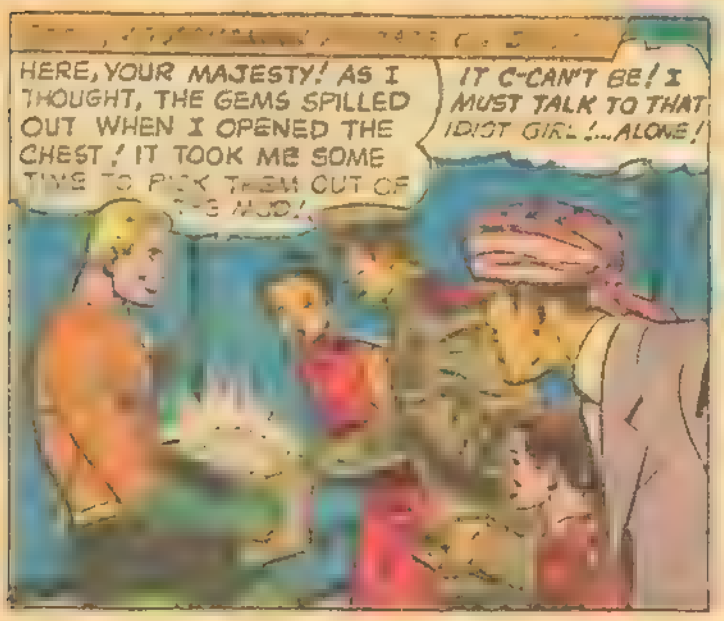

I'LL...ER... TAKE ANOTHER LOOK ON THE OCEAN FLOOR!
A GOOD IDEA, AQUAMAN! AND THIS TIME COME UP WITH THE DIAMONDS! THEN YOU'LL ALLAY OUR SUSPICIONS THAT YOU'D CHEAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY!

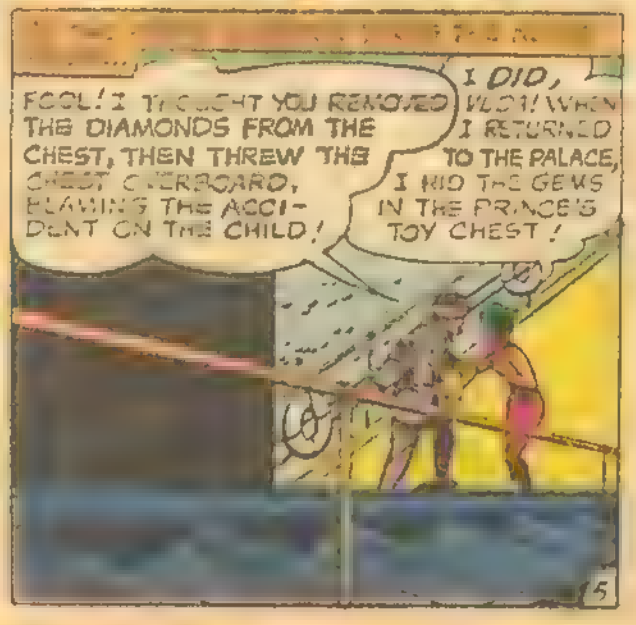
UH . I DON'T THINK HE'LL FIND ANY DIAMONDS BELOW, EH, MY DEAR ?
NO, NUDA . OUR SCHEME IS WORKING OUT PERFECTLY!

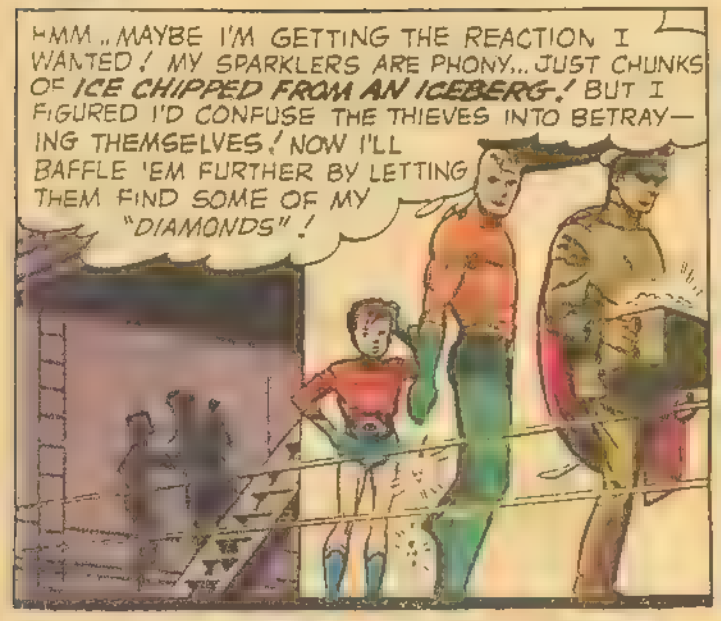

MEANWHILE, UNDERWATER...
I'LL COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE SWORD-FISH! THEY'LL COME WITH ME AND THIS SHARK ON A LONG TRIP--AS SOON AS I SECURE THIS CHEST TO THE SHARK'S BACK WITH SEAWEED!

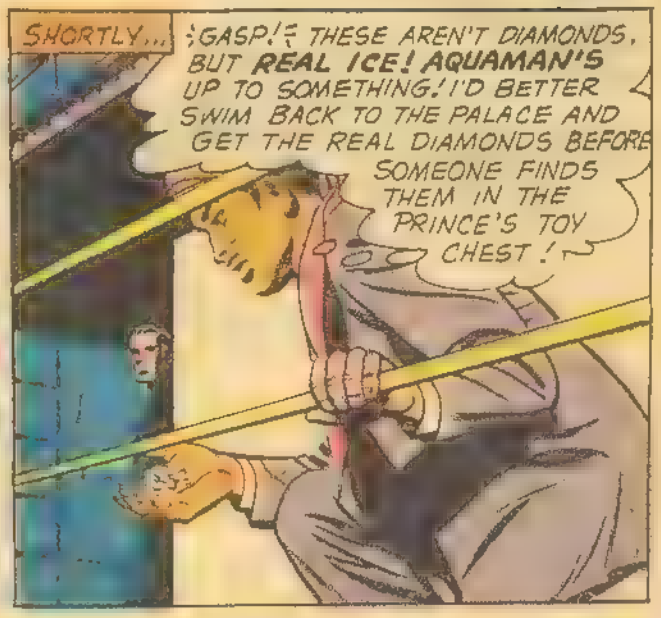

SWIFTLY, THE QUARTET STREAKS THROUGH THE OCEAN DEEP UNTIL...
AT LAST! AN ICEBERG! NOW I'LL USE THESE SWORDFISH LIKE A PAIR OF ICE PICKS!

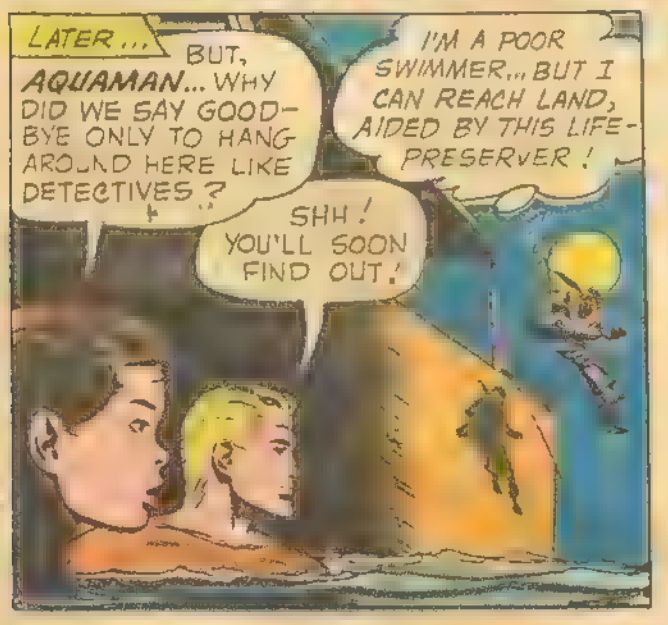

WELL, AQUALAD! YOU CAME TO JOIN YOUR FRIEND, AQUAMAN, BUT APPARENTLY HE'S RUN OUT ON US! I HATE TO THINK WHY!
NOT SO FAST, KING! THERE HE IS NOW!

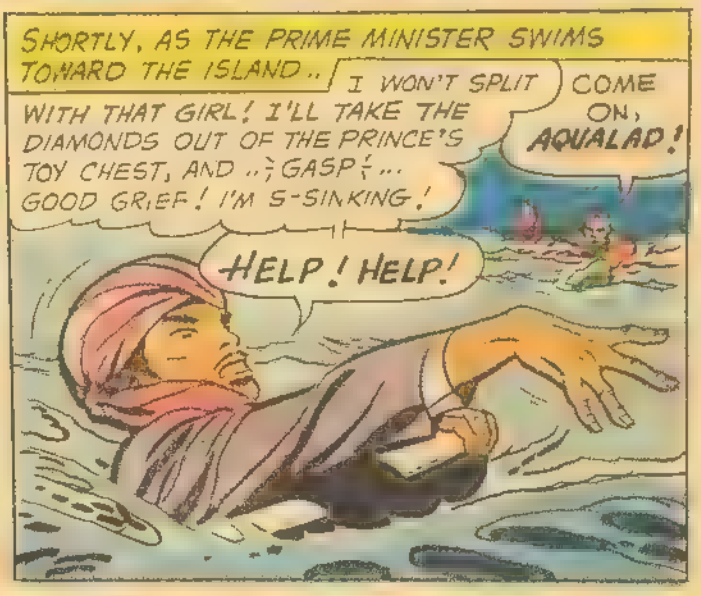

HERE, YOUR MAJESTY! AS I THOUGHT, THE GEMS SPILLED OUT WHEN I OPENED THE CHEST! IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO PICK THEM OUT OF THE MUD!
IT C-CAN'T BE! I MUST TALK TO THAT IDIOT GIRL!...ALONE!

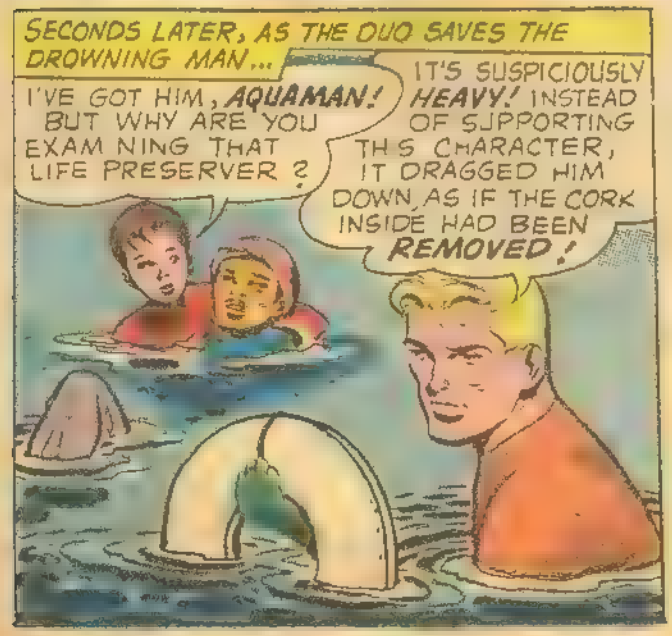

FOOL! I THOUGHT YOU REMOVED THE DIAMONDS FROM THE CHEST, THEN THREW THE CHEST OVERBOARD, BLAMING THE ACCIDENT ON THE CHILD!
I DID, VIDA! WHEN I RETURNED TO THE PALACE, I HID THE GEMS IN THE PRINCE'S TOY CHEST!

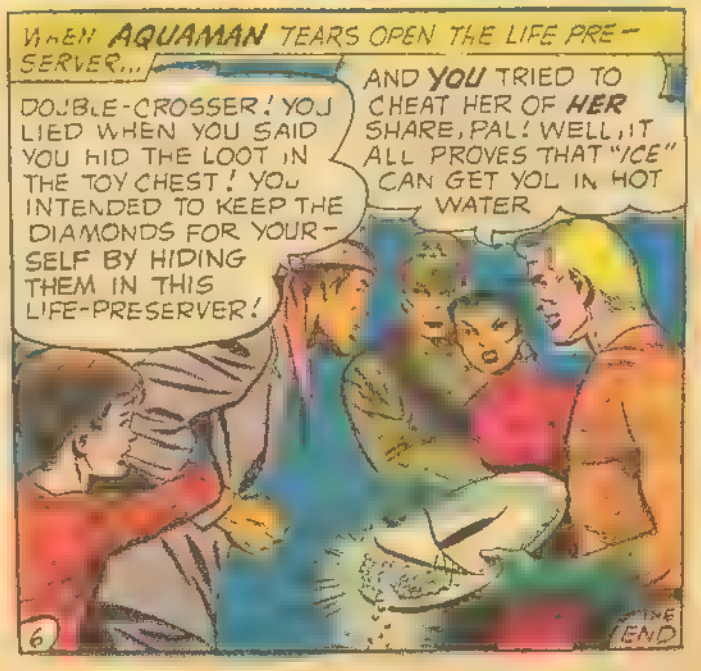

HMM.. MAYBE I'M GETTING THE REACTION I WANTED! MY SPARKLERS ARE PHONY... JUST CHUNKS OF ICE CHIPPED FROM AN ICEBERG! BUT I FIGURED I'D CONFUSE THE THIEVES INTO BETRAYING THEMSELVES! NOW I'LL BAFFLE 'EM FURTHER BY LETTING THEM FIND SOME OF MY "DIAMONDS"!

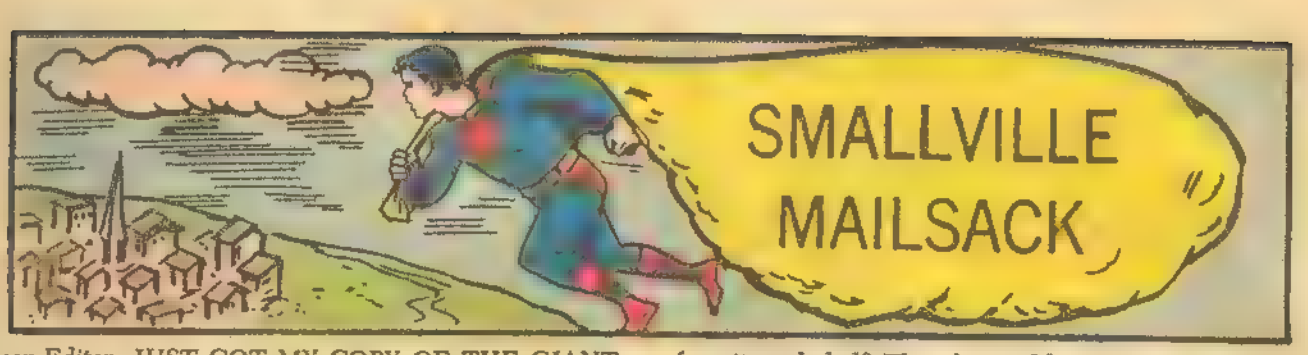

SHORTLY...
;GASP!; THESE AREN'T DIAMONDS, BUT REAL ICE! AQUAMAN'S UP TO SOMETHING! I'D BETTER SWIM BACK TO THE PALACE AND GET THE REAL DIAMONDS BEFORE SOMEONE FINDS THEM IN THE PRINCE'S TOY CHEST!


LATER...
BUT, AQUAMAN... WHY DID WE SAY GOOD-BYE ONLY TO HANG AROUND HERE LIKE DETECTIVES?
I'M A POOR SWIMMER... BUT I CAN REACH LAND, AIDED BY THIS LIFE-PRESERVER!
SHH! YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!


SHORTLY, AS THE PRIME MINISTER SWIMS TOWARD THE ISLAND..
I WON'T SPLIT WITH THAT GIRL! I'LL TAKE THE DIAMONDS OUT OF THE PRINCE'S TOY CHEST, AND ..;GASP;... GOOD GRIEF! I'M S-SINKING!
COME ON, AQUALAD!
HELP! HELP!


SECONDS LATER, AS THE DUO SAVES THE DROWNING MAN...
I'VE GOT HIM, AQUAMAN! BUT WHY ARE YOU EXAMINING THAT LIFE PRESERVER?
IT'S SUSPICIOUSLY HEAVY! INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING THIS CHARACTER, IT DRAGGED HIM DOWN, AS IF THE CORK INSIDE HAD BEEN REMOVED!


WHEN AQUAMAN TEARS OPEN THE LIFE PRESERVER...
DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU LIED WHEN YOU SAID YOU HID THE LOOT IN THE TOY CHEST! YOU INTENDED TO KEEP THE DIAMONDS FOR YOURSELF BY HIDING THEM IN THIS LIFE-PRESERVER!
AND YOU TRIED TO CHEAT HER OF HER SHARE, PAL! WELL, IT ALL PROVES THAT "ICE" CAN GET YOU IN HOT WATER
THE END



Dear Editor: JUST GOT MY COPY OF THE GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL STOP IT'S EVERYTHING YOU PROMISED IT WOULD BE AND MORE STOP THOUGHT "THE EXECUTION OF KRYPTO" WAS A GREAT STORY. Fred Nichols, Buffalo, N.Y.

(Thanks for your telegram, Fred. Response to the ANNUAL—which is still on sale—has been so enthusiastic we'll shortly announce plans for the next edition.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I would like to point out a mistake you made in the recent story, "The Boy Who Was Stronger Than Superboy." In this story Ted Grahame undergoes a brain operation. Inasmuch as some day I hope to become a surgeon, I know that, prior to a brain operation, the patient's head has to be completely shaved, How come Ted emerged from the operation with his curly locks intact? Fran Glauber, Wildwood Crest, N.J.

(We guess our artist didn't want you to confuse him with Luthor. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think I spotted a boo-boo in the recent AQUAMAN story, "Around the World in 80 Hours." In this story we see the members of a crime-syndicate exploding an A-bomb. If the A-bomb is one of America's most guarded secrets, where did they get it?

John Wong, New York, N.Y.

(Probably from some enemy country. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "The Boy Who Was Stronger Than Superboy", your artist depicts two criminals as wearing SINGLE-breasted suits. Please explain this paradox, as hoods in this era wore only double-breasted suits. No self-respecting crook would be caught without one.

Jay D. Kridner, El Paso, Texas.

(These criminals had just gotten out of jail, and were wearing the suits given to them by the warden. They were pulling this robbery so that they could have the money to buy a double-breasted suit. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Whenever you show AQUAMAN in ADVENTURE COMICS, he has legs instead of fins. But when you feature LORI the Mermaid in SUPERMAN COMICS and other magazines, she has a fish-tail instead of legs. Why? Gerry Soucie, Windsor, Ont.

(Lori has a fish-tail because she is descended from a merman and mermaid race. While AQUAMAN'S mother came from Atlantis, his father was an ordinary Earthman—and AQUAMAN inherited his legs from his father. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: If SUPERBOY can race so fast that he can crash through the time-barrier, why doesn't he go back into the past and visit the world of Krypton before it exploded? Then he could try to save his father, Jor-El and his mother, Lara? Would such a rescue be possible? Kevin Hackle, Chicago, Ill.

(SUPERBOY attempts just such a mission when he grows up to be SUPERMAN. You can read all about it in the November issue of SUPERMAN, in a story entitled "Superman's Return To Krypton." —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: We enjoyed your story, "The Son of Congorilla", but we detected a slight error. When the Son of Congorilla blew up the balloons, they rose into the air. How can this be? The balloon was inflated with carbon dioxide, not helium!

Mark Granoff & Harvey Pecker, Woodmere, N.Y.

(The balloons rose into the air because they were wafted up on a thermal air current. It's the same principle which enables a glider to soar. And that's not hot air from the editor! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have a serious question to ask, one that has puzzled me since I've been reading your wonderful comics. Does SUPERBOY believe in God? If so, why don't we ever see him in church?

Alex O'Reilly, Boston, Mass.

(SUPERBOY has strong faith in the Lord. You've never seen him in church, however, because our stories are all designed to provide entertainment. In view of this responsibility, we do not think it appropriate to emphasize SUPERBOY's religion or political views. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Will we ever see a story devoted to Lana Lang, when she's all grown up as an adult?

Howard Berger, Teaneck, N.J.

(You'll find Lana Lang, all grown up—and very pretty, too—on the cover of the November LOIS LANE Comics. What's more, she'll be equipped with super-powers. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I would like this to be an "open letter" to all SUPERMAN-DC fans. Look, boys and girls, why don't we make life easier for the editor and his staff by stopping this business of hunting for boo-boos and tiny errors in stories? Instead, why don't we send in suggestions for original stories and covers? Who cares if a story contains a minor goof, just as long as it's exciting and full of suspense?

Richard Deere, Cleveland, Ohio

(Mr. Deere, you're a dear! —Ed.)

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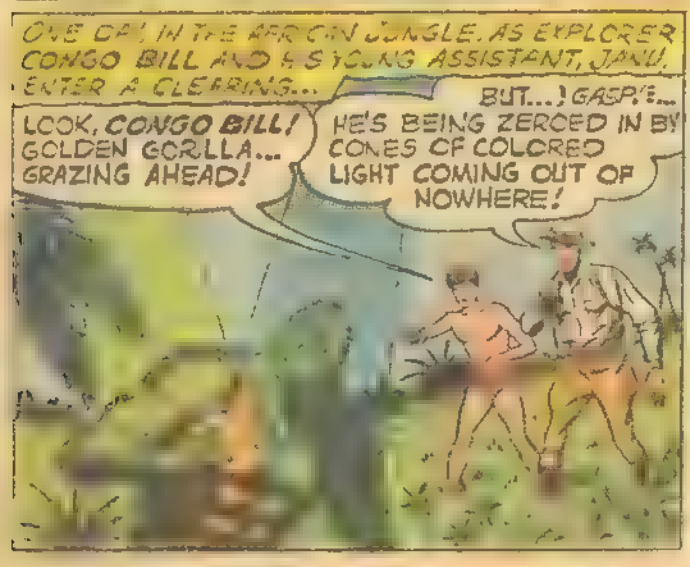
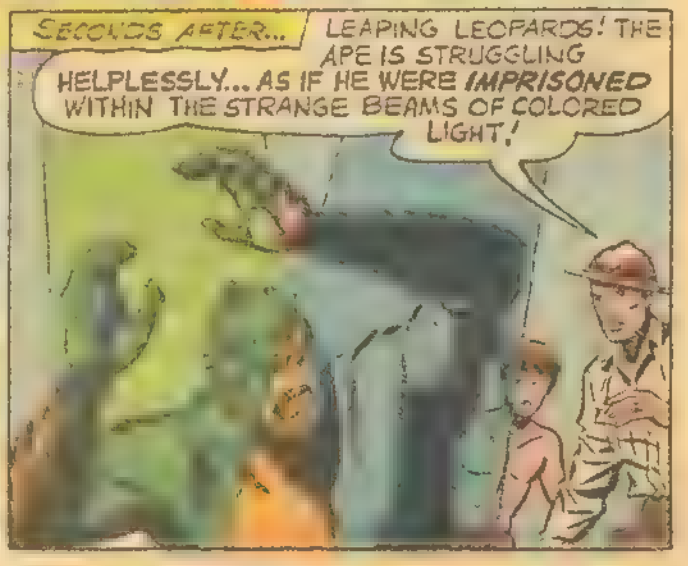
CONGORILLA

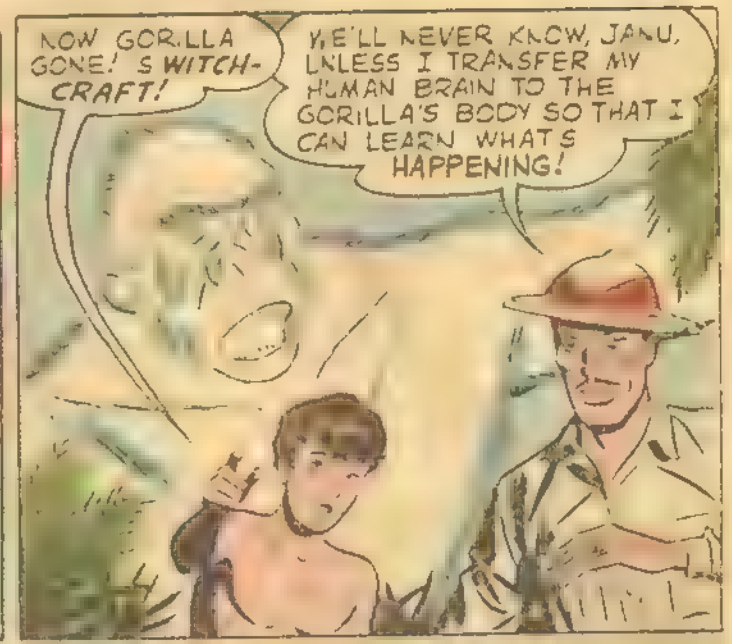
IMAGINE CONGORILLA, THE LEGENDARY, AMAZING MAN-APE OF THE CONGO, SUDDENLY TRANSPLANTED TO A JUNGLE IN ANOTHER WORLD! HOW EFFECTIVE WOULD HIS MUSCLE STRENGTH AND CUNNING BE WHEN PITTED AGAINST FEROCIOUS FOES ON ANOTHER PLANET? LEARN THE SHOCKING ANSWER WHEN, ASTONISHINGLY, THE GORILLA PROTECTOR OF THE AFRICAN JUNGLE BECOMES...

The CONGORILLA of SPACE!





JANU SEEING THINGS! APE STARTING TO FADE AWAY!
WE'RE BOTH HAVING THE SAME GHOST-LIKE HALLUCINATION JANU! I SEE THE GORILLA DISAPPEARING, TOO!

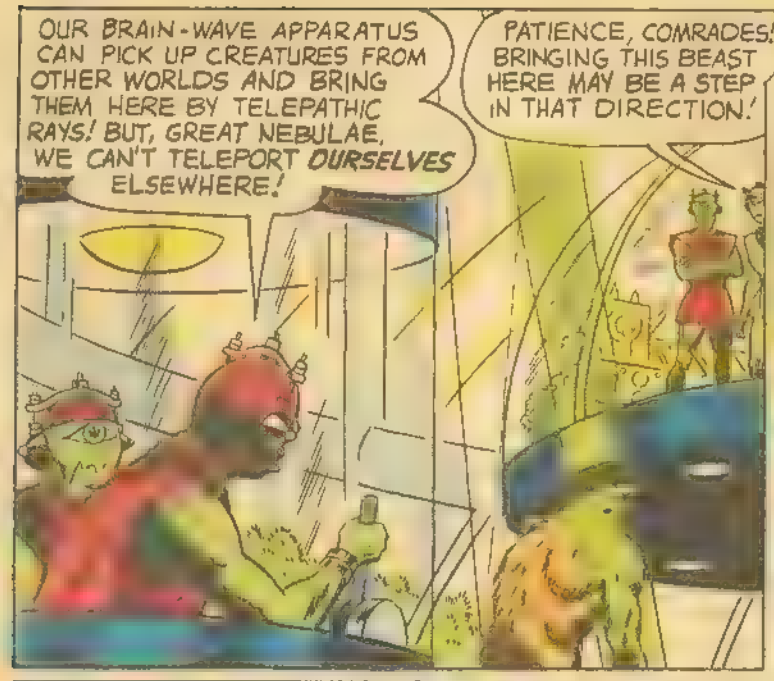

NOW GORILLA GONE! IS WITCH-CRAFT!
WE'LL NEVER KNOW, JANU, UNLESS I TRANSFER MY HUMAN BRAIN TO THE GORILLA'S BODY SO THAT I CAN LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENING!

I'LL RUB THE MAGIC RING GIVEN TO ME BY AN OLD WITCH DOCTOR AND BECOME... CONGORILLA!

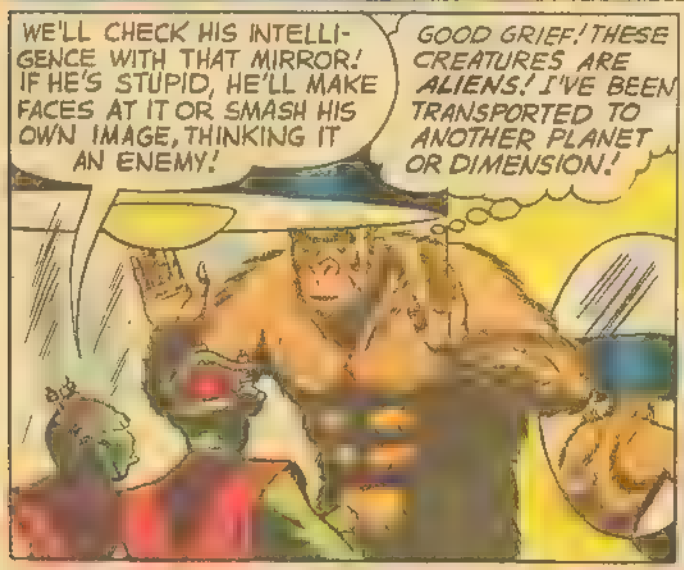
AS THE FAMED HUNTER RUBS THE RING AN AMAZING CHANGE OCCURS!
THE GORILLA'S MIND HAS ENTERED CONGO BILL'S BODY!
CRACK CRACKAM!!

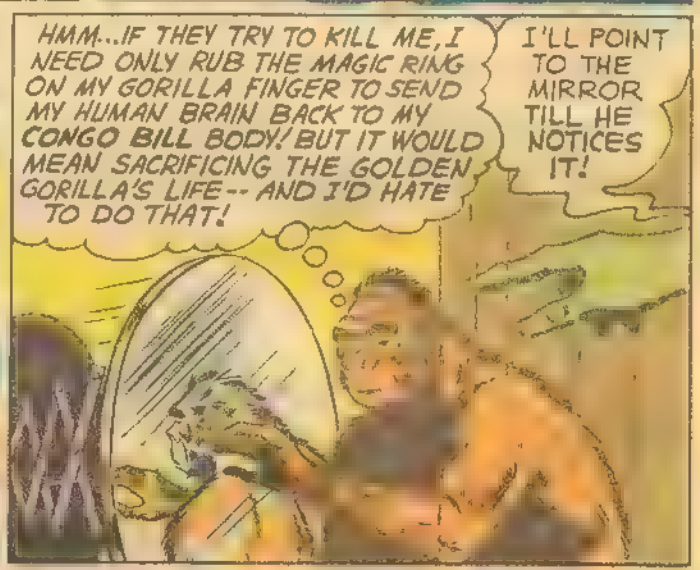
BUT SUDDENLY AS CONGO BILL COLLAPSES...
HE IS FAST ASLEEP! I GUESS RAY AFFECTED GORILLA'S BRAIN, NUMBING IT! WHEREVER GORILLA IS NOW, CONGO BILL'S BRAIN IS INSIDE HIM!
ZZZZZZZ!

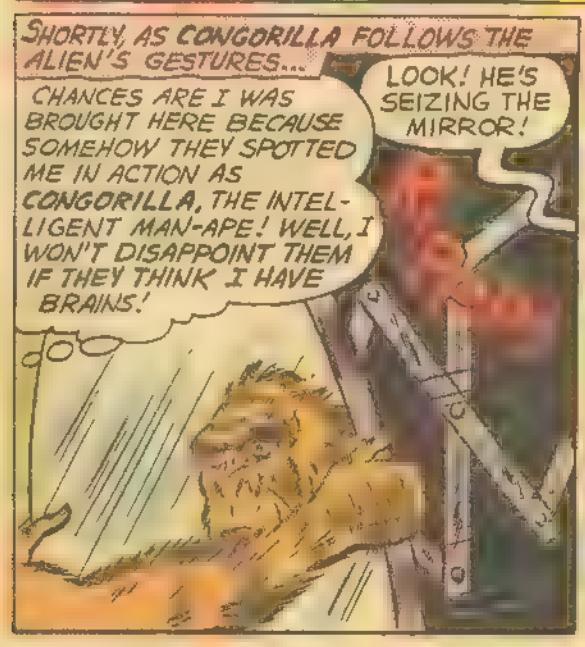
AT THAT MOMENT MILLIONS OF MILES FROM EARTH...
AH! THE EARTH GORILLA WE'VE TELEPORTED TO OUR WORLD HAS ARRIVED! IF ONLY WE COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SPACE TRAVEL AS EASILY AS OUR RACE WORKED OUT THE SCIENCE OF TELEPORTATION!

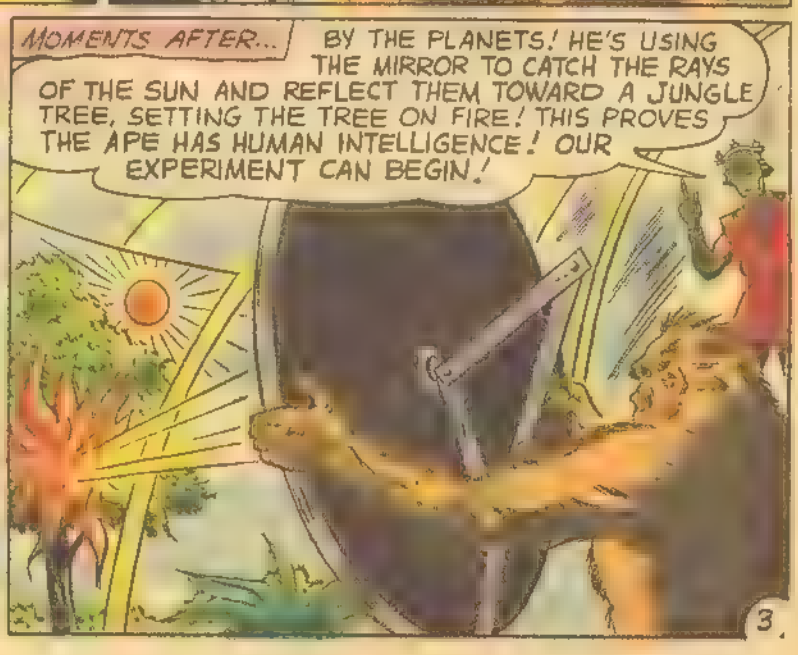

OUR BRAIN-WAVE APPARATUS CAN PICK UP CREATURES FROM OTHER WORLDS AND BRING THEM HERE BY TELEPATHIC RAYS! BUT, GREAT NEBULAE, WE CAN'T TELEPORT OURSELVES ELSEWHERE!
PATIENCE, COMRADES! BRINGING THIS BEAST HERE MAY BE A STEP IN THAT DIRECTION!

SOON, AS THE TELEPORTATION RAYS VANISH...
GOOD HEAVENS! I'M IN A STRANGE LABORATORY, EQUIPPED WITH VARIOUS TESTING DEVICES!
THE BEAST DOESN'T REALIZE WE'VE BEEN OBSERVING HIM FROM OUR PLANET! HE SEEMED AMAZINGLY BRIGHT FOR A DUMB ANIMAL!


WE'LL CHECK HIS INTELLIGENCE WITH THAT MIRROR! IF HE'S STUPID, HE'LL MAKE FACES AT IT OR SMASH HIS OWN IMAGE, THINKING IT AN ENEMY!
GOOD GRIEF! THESE CREATURES ARE ALIENS! I'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER PLANET OR DIMENSION!

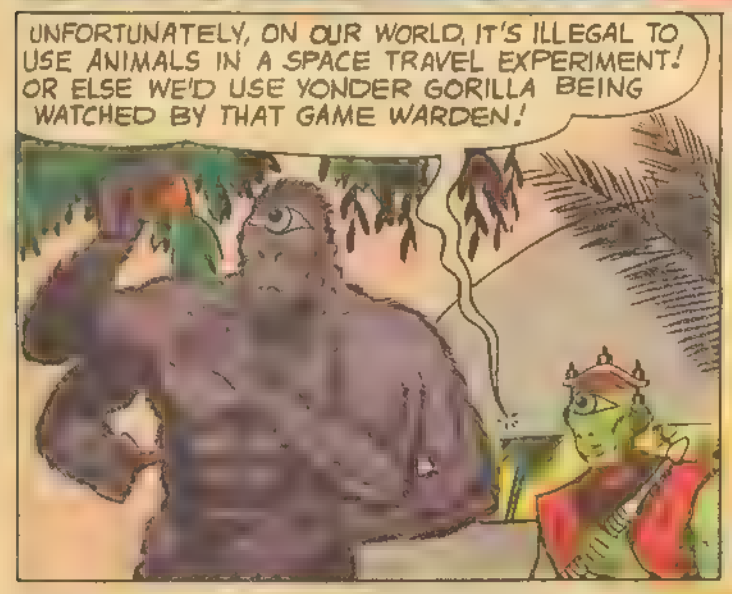

HMM...IF THEY TRY TO KILL ME, I NEED ONLY RUB THE MAGIC RING ON MY GORILLA FINGER TO SEND MY HUMAN BRAIN BACK TO MY CONGO BILL BODY! BUT IT WOULD MEAN SACRIFICING THE GOLDEN GORILLA'S LIFE -- AND I'D HATE TO DO THAT!
I'LL POINT TO THE MIRROR TILL HE NOTICES IT!

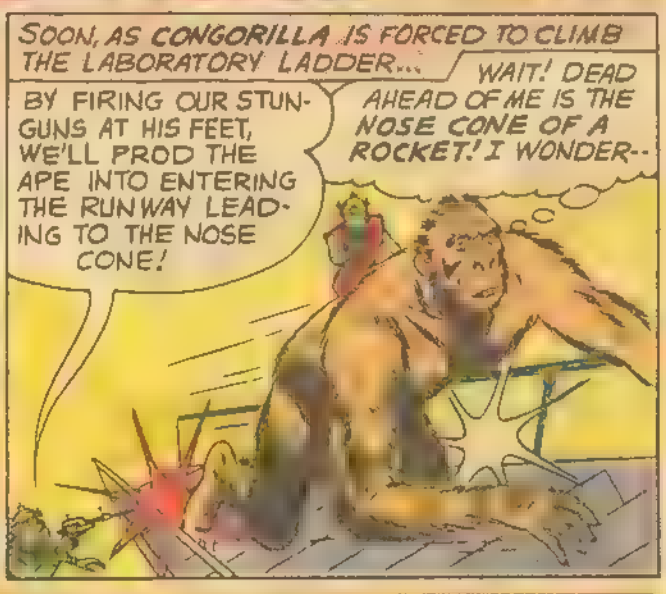

SHORTLY, AS CONGORILLA FOLLOWS THE ALIEN'S GESTURES...
CHANCES ARE I WAS BROUGHT HERE BECAUSE SOMEHOW THEY SPOTTED ME IN ACTION AS CONGORILLA, THE INTELLIGENT MAN-APE! WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT THEM IF THEY THINK I HAVE BRAINS!
LOOK! HE'S SEIZING THE MIRROR!


MOMENTS AFTER...
BY THE PLANETS! HE'S USING THE MIRROR TO CATCH THE RAYS OF THE SUN AND REFLECT THEM TOWARD A JUNGLE TREE, SETTING THE TREE ON FIRE! THIS PROVES THE APE HAS HUMAN INTELLIGENCE! OUR EXPERIMENT CAN BEGIN!

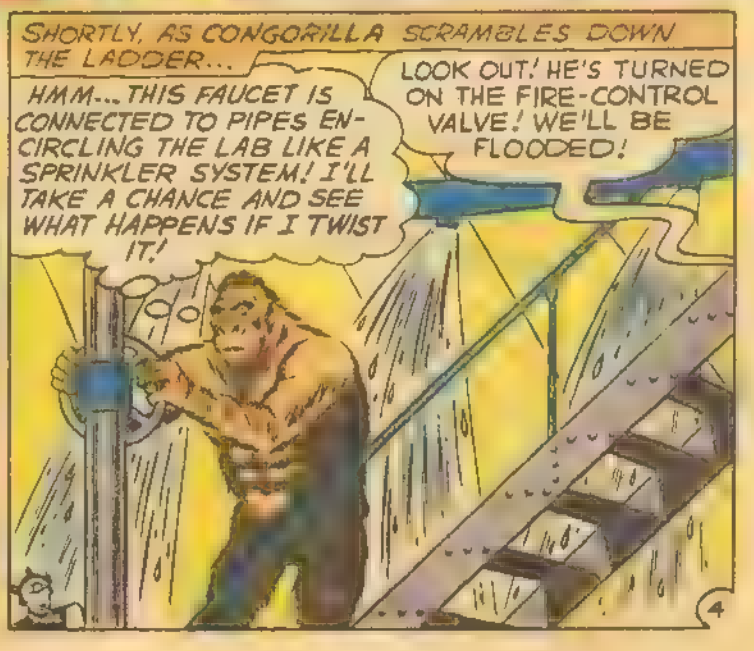
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT IF EXPOSURE TO COSMIC RAYS DECREASES THE INTELLIGENCE OF SOMEONE SHOT INTO SPACE! WE'LL TRICK THE BEAST INTO MAKING A SPACE TRIP!

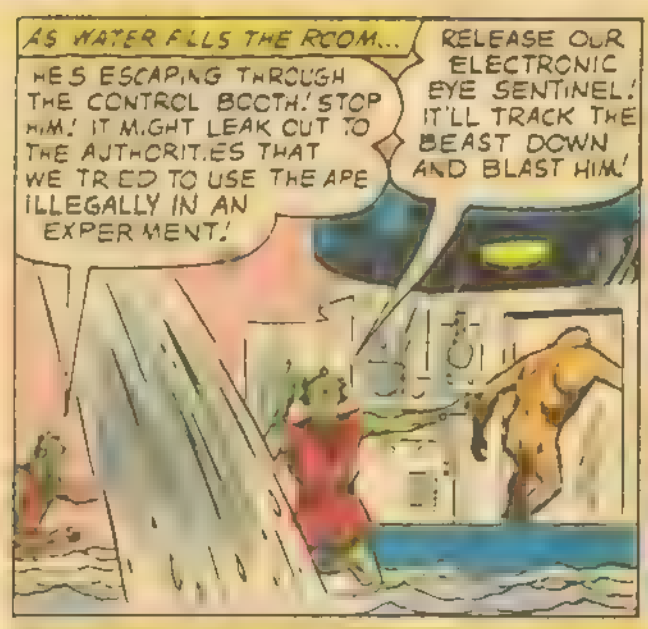
ON HIS RETURN IN THE NOSE CONE OF THE ROCKET, WE'LL RE-TEST HIM! IF HIS BRAIN SHOWS NO ILL EFFECTS, WE'LL KNOW THAT HUMAN BEINGS CAN JOURNEY SAFELY INTO SPACE IN MANNED ROCKETS!

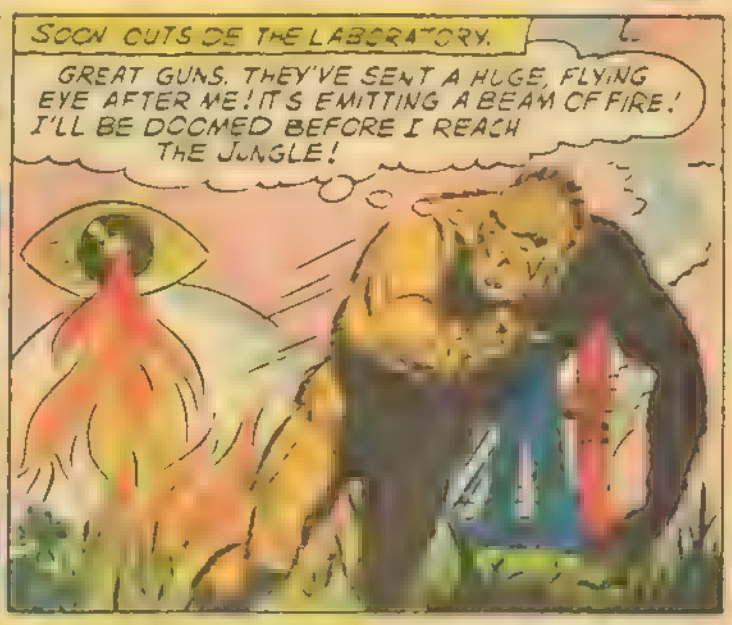

UNFORTUNATELY, ON OUR WORLD, IT'S ILLEGAL TO USE ANIMALS IN A SPACE TRAVEL EXPERIMENT! OR ELSE WE'D USE YONDER GORILLA BEING WATCHED BY THAT GAME WARDEN!

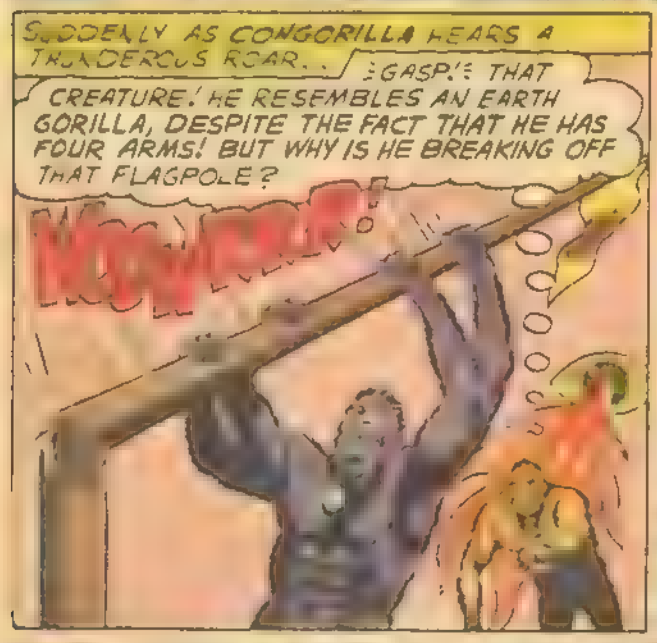

SOON, AS CONGORILLA IS FORCED TO CLIMB THE LABORATORY LADDER...
BY FIRING OUR STUN-GUNS AT HIS FEET, WE'LL PROD THE APE INTO ENTERING THE RUNWAY LEADING TO THE NOSE CONE!
WAIT! DEAD AHEAD OF ME IS THE NOSE CONE OF A ROCKET! I WONDER--

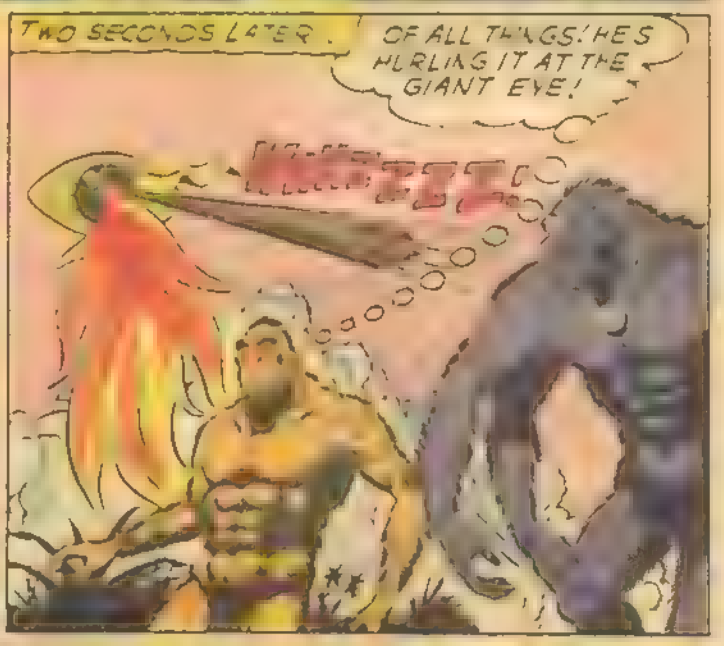
NOW I KNOW WHY I WAS BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD! THEY'RE GOING TO FORCE ME TO BE A GUINEA PIG IN A ROCKET TEST! WELL, I WON'T RISK MY LIFE FOR THESE CHARACTERS!

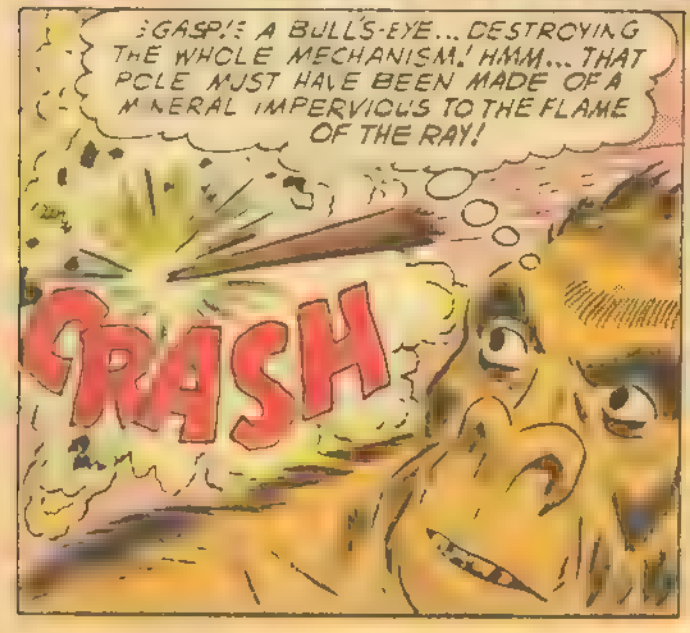

SHORTLY, AS CONGORILLA SCRAMBLES DOWN THE LADDER...
HMM... THIS FAUCET IS CONNECTED TO PIPES ENCIRCLING THE LAB LIKE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM! I'LL TAKE A CHANCE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF I TWIST IT!
LOOK OUT! HE'S TURNED ON THE FIRE-CONTROL VALVE! WE'LL BE FLOODED!

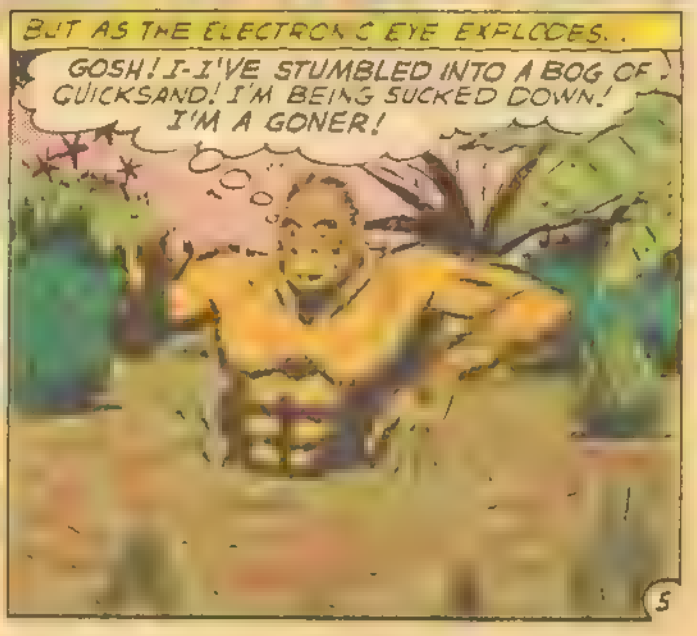

AS WATER FILLS THE ROOM...
HE'S ESCAPING THROUGH THE CONTROL BOOTH! STOP HIM! IT MIGHT LEAK OUT TO THE AUTHORITIES THAT WE TRIED TO USE THE APE ILLEGALLY IN AN EXPERIMENT!
RELEASE OUR ELECTRONIC EYE SENTINEL! IT'LL TRACK THE BEAST DOWN AND BLAST HIM!


SOON OUTSIDE THE LABORATORY.
GREAT GUNS, THEY'VE SENT A HUGE, FLYING EYE AFTER ME! IT'S EMITTING A BEAM OF FIRE! I'LL BE DOOMED BEFORE I REACH THE JUNGLE!

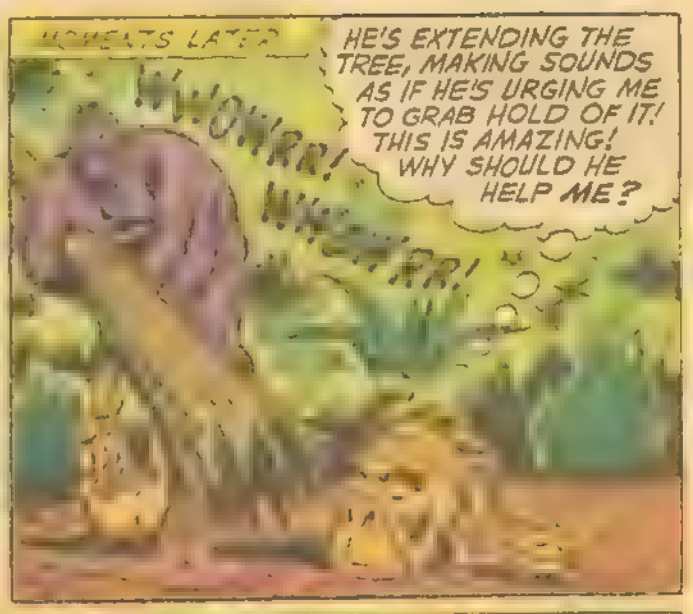

SUDDENLY AS CONGORILLA HEARS A THUNDEROUS ROAR...
GASP! THAT CREATURE! HE RESEMBLES AN EARTH GORILLA, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE HAS FOUR ARMS! BUT WHY IS HE BREAKING OFF THAT FLAGPOLE?
WOWWW!

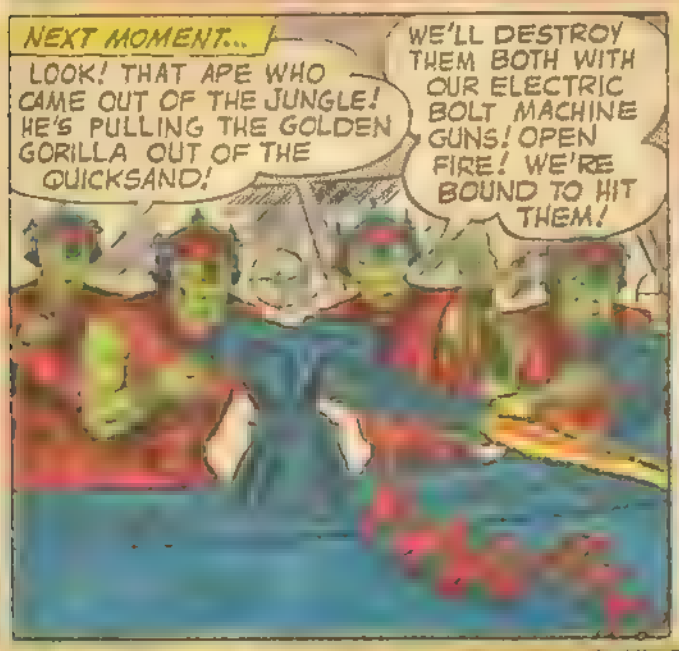

TWO SECONDS LATER...
OF ALL THINGS! HE'S HURLING IT AT THE GIANT EYE!

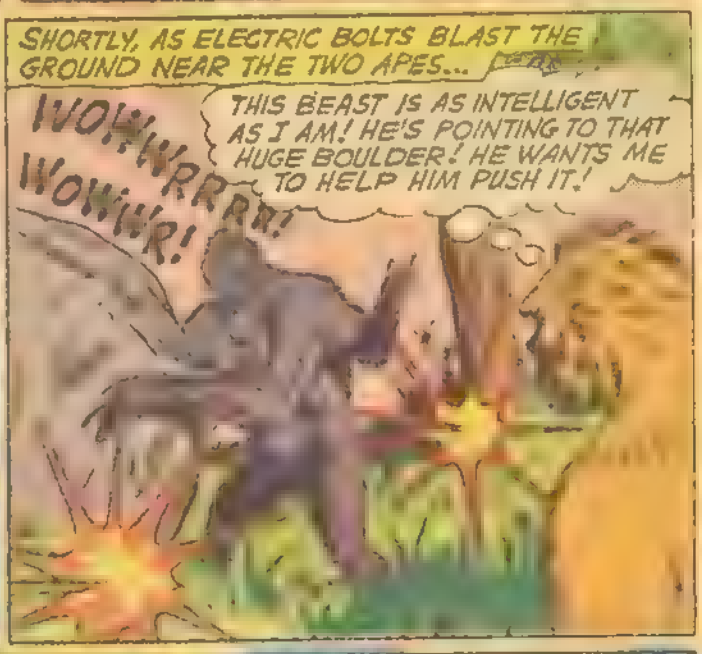

GASP! A BULL'S-EYE... DESTROYING THE WHOLE MECHANISM! HMM... THAT POLE MUST HAVE BEEN MADE OF A MINERAL IMPERVIOUS TO THE FLAME OF THE RAY!
CRASH

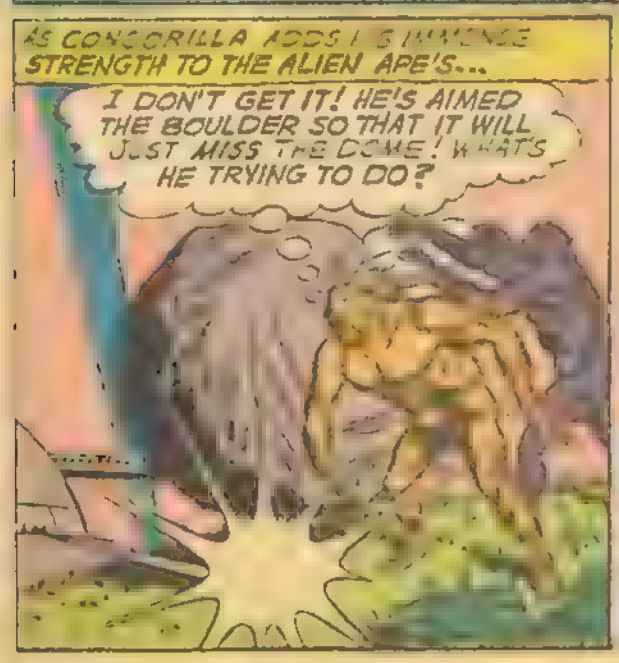

BUT AS THE ELECTRONIC EYE EXPLODES...
GOSH! I-I'VE STUMBLED INTO A BOG OF QUICKSAND! I'M BEING SUCKED DOWN! I'M A GONER!

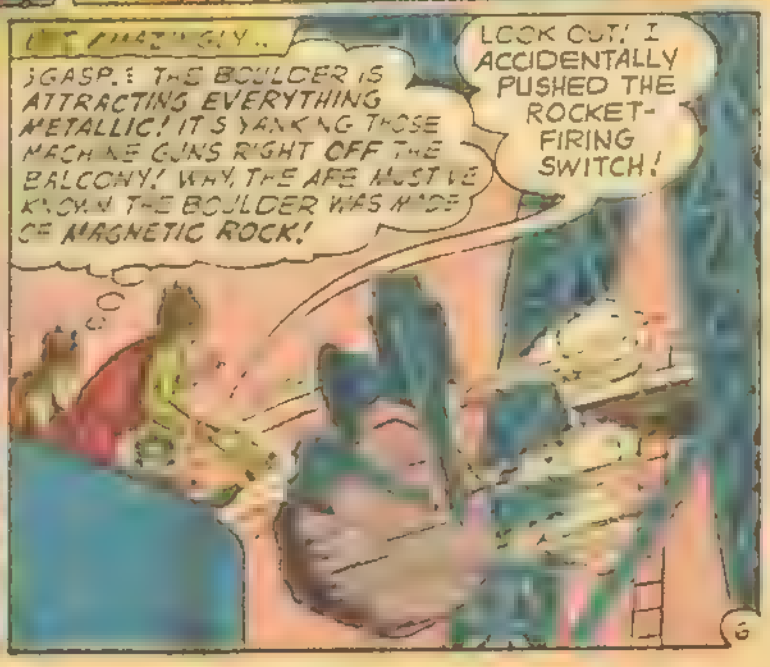
BUT EVEN AS CONGORILLA SINKS DEEPER INTO THE BOG...
WHAT'S THAT APE UP TO NOW? HE'S BREAKING OFF A TREE!
UNNH!


MOMENTS LATER...
WWOWRR! WWOWRR!
HE'S EXTENDING THE TREE, MAKING SOUNDS AS IF HE'S URGING ME TO GRAB HOLD OF IT! THIS IS AMAZING! WHY SHOULD HE HELP ME?


NEXT MOMENT...
LOOK! THAT APE WHO CAME OUT OF THE JUNGLE! HE'S PULLING THE GOLDEN GORILLA OUT OF THE QUICKSAND!
WE'LL DESTROY THEM BOTH WITH OUR ELECTRIC BOLT MACHINE GUNS! OPEN FIRE! WE'RE BOUND TO HIT THEM!


SHORTLY, AS ELECTRIC BOLTS BLAST THE GROUND NEAR THE TWO APES...
WOW!WRRR! WOWWR!
THIS BEAST IS AS INTELLIGENT AS I AM! HE'S POINTING TO THAT HUGE BOULDER! HE WANTS ME TO HELP HIM PUSH IT!


AS CONGORILLA ADDS ITS INVENCE STRENGTH TO THE ALIEN APE'S...
I DON'T GET IT! HE'S AIMED THE BOULDER SO THAT IT WILL JUST MISS THE DOME! WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?


BUT AMAZINGLY...
GASP! THE BOULDER IS ATTRACTING EVERYTHING METALLIC! IT'S YANKING THOSE MACHINE GUNS RIGHT OFF THE BALCONY! WHY, THE APE MUST VE KNOWN THE BOULDER WAS MADE OF MAGNETIC ROCK!
LOOK OUT! I ACCIDENTALLY PUSHED THE ROCKET-FIRING SWITCH!

BUT BEFORE THE ROCKET RISES 3,000 FEET...
CRAAAAH!
GOSH! THE ROCKET BLEW UP INTO A MILLION PIECES! IF I'D BEEN ABOARD IT, I'D HAVE BEEN KILLED!
SHORTLY...
HMM... FIRST THE APE DRAGGED ME TOWARD THIS SLEEPING MAN! NOW HE'S RUNNING INTO THE JUNGLE, RUBBING THAT NECKLACE AROUND HIS NECK!
ZZZZZZ
A MINUTE LATER, AS THE SLEEPING MAN AWAKENS...
HUH... HE'S WEARING AN IDENTICAL NECKLACE!
I WISH I COULD TELL THIS EARTH GORILLA THAT I'M A GAME WARDEN HERE! ALSO THAT I KNOW HIS REAL IDENTITY! I'VE OBSERVED HIM OFTEN THROUGH A SPACE TELESCOPE!
HMMM... THE APE WHO HELPED ME NOW SEEMS TO BE STUPID! CAN IT BE... THAT JUST AS I RUB A MAGIC RING TO BECOME CONGORILLA, THIS MAN TRANSFERS HIS BRAIN TO THE APE'S BODY WHEN HE RUBS HIS MAGIC NECKLACE?
THAT MUST BE IT! I'VE BEEN SAVED BY THE CONGORILLA OF THIS PLANET! THIS FELLOW IS LIKE CONGO BILL! HE, TOO, BECOMES AN INTELLIGENT APE WHEN HE RUBS A MAGIC NECKLACE AND SWITCHES BRAINS WITH A DUMB GORILLA!
PRESENTLY, IN THE CONGO...
SOON I'LL SWITCH BACK TO CONGO BILL AND TELL JANU HOW A HUNTER ON ANOTHER PLANET SENT ME BACK BY TELEPORTATION! JANU WILL BE AMAZED TO LEARN THAT ON AN ALIEN WORLD THERE IS ANOTHER CONGORILLA... LUCKILY FOR THIS CONGORILLA!
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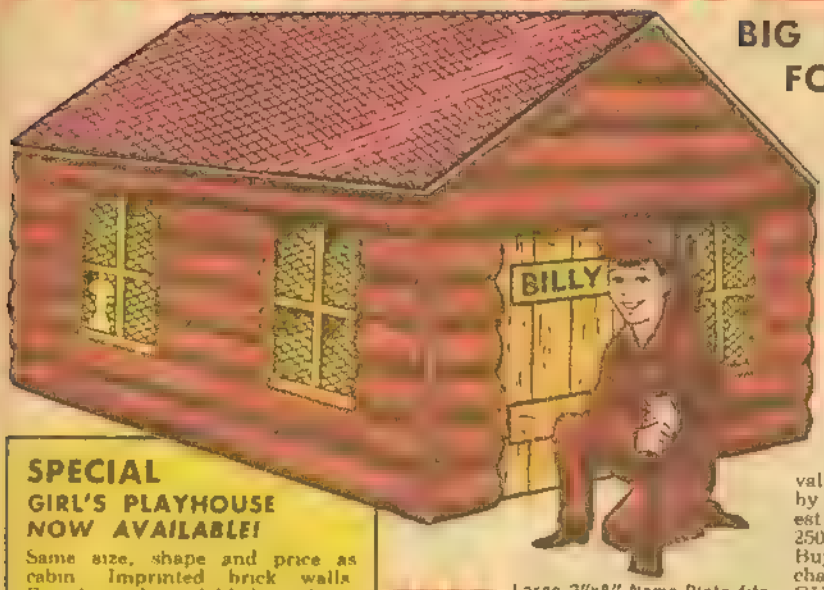

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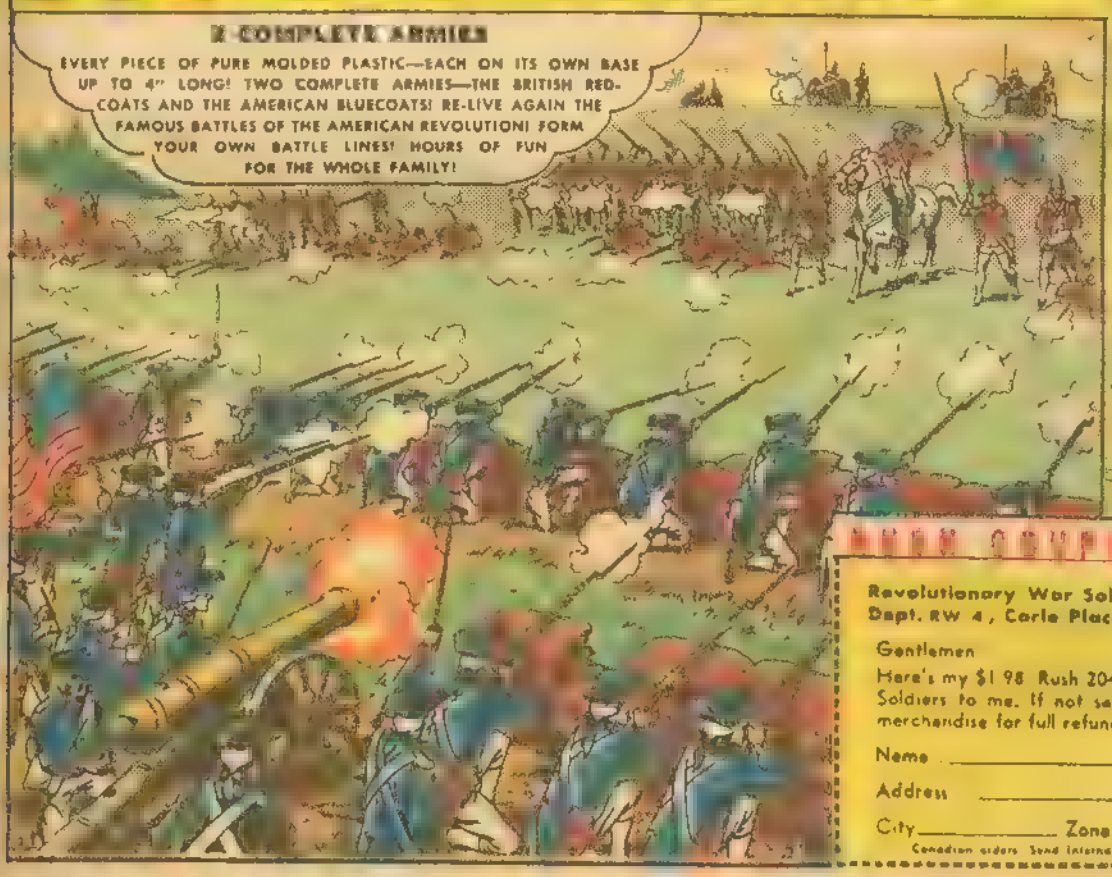

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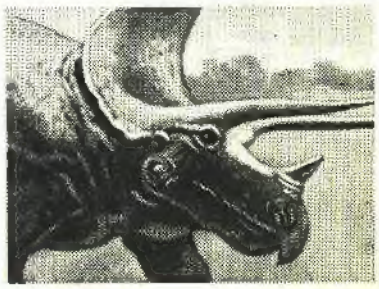

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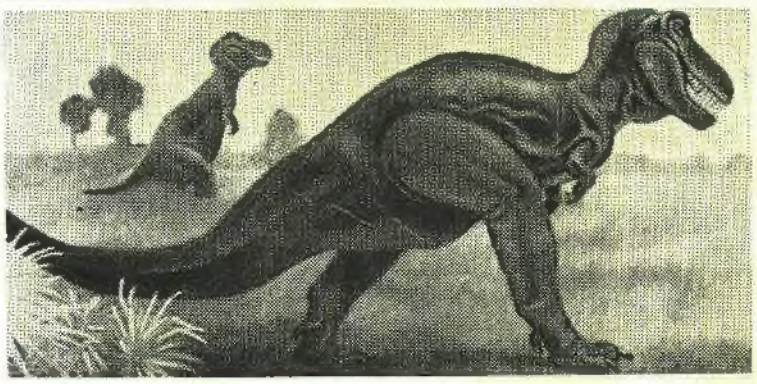

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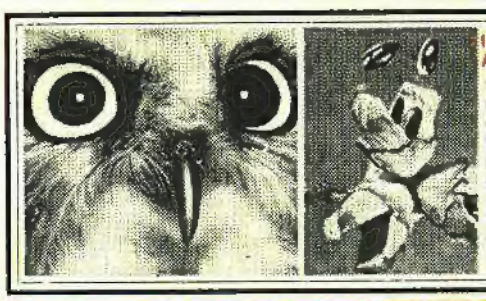

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